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A HANDBOOK OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

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PREFACE.

THIS little book needs, I think, no recommendation. It will both explain and commend itself, and I hope and augur for it a very grateful reception from very many. But as the writers think that a prefatory word from one who bears my office may help it, I give this, with a deep sense of unworthiness to touch such a thing, but willingly alike for friendship's sake and from much gratitude for their gift to the Church.

For such a book as this comes to us as one encouraging sign the more, amidst our difficulties and controversies, of the deepened life of our Church, and of those spiritual forces out of sight to which perhaps we owe it that in spite of all our faults and follies the Church's work is allowed to continue and to go forward. From two of the quiet places which remain in our noisy time—from a country parsonage and a religious community—it comes to us for our help. New and old meet in it: the fragrant treasures of devotion bequeathed to us by the centuries of the Church's past, together with the stress and complexity of the modern struggle, and the practical desire to pray requickened by the blessed revival of life and work. We cannot but have good hope for the Church in which such work is doing, and such worship is being offered.

Devotion which is heart-language must needs take many moulds, suited to differences of temperament and training, and the same forms will not suit all equally. But in this book there is room for considerable variety. There is fulness in the number and detail of special collects; greater swiftness and concentration in the litanies; extreme brevity for the very busy in the "general" prayer for each day; and freedom with guidance, in the schemes or heads of intercession, for those who wish only to be reminded methodically what to pray for, and then to be left to pray in their own words, or without words.

Particularly do I wish to ask attention to the treatment here given to Thanksgiving and to what is said about it. I think there are some to whom this may

come almost as a discovery of a new and sunny country near their home: I am sure that all of us have need in this as much as in any matter to grow in grace.

I hope that the little book may travel a way of peace. I think that there is nothing in it that should offend, and that it may be widely accepted, even if here and there some omit what others delight to use.

The Prayers for the Departed in particular are taken chiefly from ancient sources, and have the reserve and modesty which becomes those who remember our great ignorance, and in the lack of open revelation can do little more than mutely put before the mercy and care of GOD those whom, behind the veil, we think of, in that "holy keeping," to which we must so soon trust ourselves. The book, it will be remembered, is one of private devotion, and private devotion, guided by the precedents of antiquity, the practice of many loyal sons of the Reformed Church, and the instincts of the Christian heart, need not and will not bind itself by the austere rule of reticence which, under the strong stress of reaction from mediæval abuse, the Church thought well to impose upon herself in this respect in public worship. The matter is eminently one for the Apostolic rule of mutual toleration.

The Kalendar (itself again for private use) claims no authority, and no two people would draw exactly the same list.

May GOD of His grace give us less controversy and more devotion, and draw more of His people into that nearness to Himself in which there is indeed boldness and access with confidence through JESUS by the SPIRIT, but also the reserve of the veiled face, and the kept foot, and the tongue that fears to utter what it understands not, things too wonderful for it which it knows not!

And may each to whom this book comes gain from it some treasure, greater or less, of help, to be returned through prayer to the Treasury of the Church!

EDW. ROFFEN.

BISHOP'S HOUSE, KENNINGTON, S.E.,
August, 1898.

EXPLANATORY PREFACE.

THE following scheme of Intercession is not intended to be used by any one person in its entirety. The endeavour has rather been to provide for the varying needs of different minds, or of the same mind on different occasions.

Thus, some may prefer simply to use the outline prefixed to each day, as a guide and reminder to their own mental prayer.

Others will doubtless find it more helpful to use the collects as allotted, word for word, dwelling carefully on them until they become the natural expression of their own thought and desire.

While there are others again to whom a litany more especially appeals, and for their use each day's intercessions have been thrown into that form.

A division has been made in each outline as a suggestion to those who may prefer to make the scheme a fortnight's rather than a week's exercise; and the whole of this first part has been interleaved in the belief that, if each person will insert the names and needs best known to himself, the supplications for the whole world will become more real and concrete.

The Thanksgivings which form the second part of the book have also been arranged for a week, and follow a threefold order, each day having one distinct idea embodied in it. But they may, as has been suggested for the Intercessions, be fitly spread over a fortnight, or even three weeks, rather than a week. This part of the book has not been interleaved, but there is room in the margin for such personal notes as may serve to make the

forms of thanksgiving living realities, and reminders of actual facts, rather than mere words.

In Section I. the thanksgiving is for mercies corresponding to the prayers offered on one of the days of intercession. In Section II. are subjects of personal thanksgiving of the same character. And in Section III. the thanksgiving dwells on some particular revelation of GOD to man, which seems most to bear on the subject of the day.

The acts themselves are mostly taken from the book of Psalms, and thus unite those who use them with the countless multitude of holy souls, including our Blessed LORD Himself, who have made these very words the vehicle of their prayers, of their thankfulness, and praise.

Besides these forms of Intercession and Thanksgiving, some additional matter is given. First, a few prayers for special occasions, and a number of collects for communities and societies: additional blank pages are left in order that other prayers for special objects may be filled in by hand, to suit each person's need. Secondly, such collects from the Book of Common Prayer as are suitable for intercession, and do not occur in the ordinary daily services of the Church, have been numbered and printed at the end, and are referred to in the body of the book as alternatives to the other prayers. Thirdly, an Horology is inserted as a suggestion by means of which the day, as it passes, may be used systematically for the purposes of intercession, by those who through press of work have not much space of time which they can devote to that purpose; and appended to this are some additional forms and suggestions for Intercession.

This handbook owes very much to the *Manual of Intercession*, published by Father Benson, which has been of so great service to the Church, and still remains the great storehouse of intercessory prayer. A great debt of gratitude is due to the S.S.J.E. for leave to draw freely upon it; also to the various communities who gave leave

for the insertion of their own special collects, and to others whose labours have been utilised. The list of collects and their sources given in the index is both an acknowledgement of indebtedness to previous books and in itself an interesting historical table.[1]

A. L. I.

LONGWORTH,
Easter, 1898.

It only remains for the compilers to add that this book has arisen out of their keen sense of their own failures in grappling with the work of Intercession, and out of their difficulty in even realising at all that there is such a work as that of Thanksgiving. They confidently hope therefore that it may be a help to others in the same difficulties, and so redound to the glory of GOD. They cannot but express their wonder and thankfulness that they are allowed to assist, in however small a degree, in such a work.

LAUS DEO.

[1] It has not been possible so far to trace all the Collects satisfactorily to their ultimate sources: help in this matter will be greatly welcome.

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INTRODUCTION.

IT is an undoubted part of every Christian's duty to pray for others; and, like many another duty, intercession is an ever widening one: it grows with the growth of the Church and her needs: it grows with the growing complexity of human society, as new classes and objects rise up to claim its help: it grows with the advance of human knowledge, as new mysteries of GOD's work and ways are revealed to us: it grows with every acceleration in locomotion, and every advance in intelligence—in fact almost every step forward in civilization seems to demand some correlative advance in intercessory prayer.

The duty of intercession is also an ever widening element in each individual life: as a man's interests and experiences widen, so must his prayers: at first his horizon is narrow, limited to a small home circle: then he goes out into the larger world, and that too claims his intercessions: and bit by bit, as friends, acquaintances, and interests grow, he must keep pace with all this expansion, not only in the activity of his outer life, but also in all the hidden energy of his life of devotion and supplication.

Again, if he is a man of GOD, there must be a development in his view as to what is a proper subject for intercession: he begins, alas, too often with a narrow view: he does not see how centrifugal and wide-reaching is this power of intercessory prayer: he looks to other things to accomplish his objects, to advance his interests, and to fulfil many of his best projects. But gradually, as he is a man of GOD, he learns otherwise: he finds that he accomplishes more of GOD's purposes and of his own best hopes by a short quiet half-hour of prayer than by days of restless activity: he no longer denies a place in his intercessions to certain parts of his aims and desires on the ground that they are unsuitable subjects

for prayer ; on the contrary, he insists on finding a place there for them all, for he finds how prayer, far more than anything else, brings him into effective touch with the widest circles of his fellow-men, the largest range of human interests, and with his own best and highest aspirations, no less than with the eternal purposes of GOD.

He seizes with new zeal upon this power, hitherto left so wofully dormant ; and as he gives himself more and more to the exercise of it, still more his horizon widens and his sympathies extend, until he sets himself at last to do no less a task than to embrace all men and all things within the sphere of his prayer, defying the narrow limits of home and friendship and country and race, defying the restrictions of time and space, the distinctions of earth and paradise and heaven ; and reaching out yet unsatisfied into the infinite with an extravagance of minute and ardent affection, whose only justification lies in this, that it is some poor copy of the boundless love of Almighty GOD.

All this implies that intercession is a very difficult and exacting task, and one that will often strain severely the powers of any man who seriously gives himself to it.

But, on the other hand, it is full of its own joys and encouragements. Things look their best and hopefullest when a man has prayed over them ; the characters which are so discouraging and baffling are lit up with a new gleam of unsuspected possibilities : circumstances which seemed inextricably confused look simpler, and ways open out to view where before there seemed to be only a dead block.

Again, intercession takes the sting out of anxiety : a man's thoughts when he is anxious must continually revert to the cause of his anxiety, and rest upon it : and this is bound to be extremely wearing unless he has learnt to turn worry into intercession, and transmute every anxious troubled thought into an anxious but

confident prayer. But when he has learnt this, his anxiety is no longer wearing, but on the contrary, uplifting and inspiring: whenever it confronts him, he turns the worry into prayer, and having done so he can then afford to dismiss the thought for the time: no doubt it will revert to him again later on, but only so as once again to force him to raise up his anxious heart Godward, and find in that action the welcome lifting of his immediate load of care, as well as the ultimate solution of all his trouble.

Intercession is thus an absorbing occupation; because of its greatness and because of its minuteness it makes immense claims on all who will recognize them. But the rewards which it offers are proportionately great; for it enriches abundantly the man who prays as well as those for whom he prays, and renders a parched and gasping world more able to receive the refreshing showers of GOD'S blessing.

Side by side with Intercession there are here given some parallel schemes of Thanksgiving. These two religious exercises must always lie close together; not merely because prayer is heard and answered, and therefore in itself it entails of necessity a corresponding act of gratitude, but also because of the close kinship which exists between intercession and thanksgiving, as joint factors in the development of the life of holiness in the soul.

As Intercession is the sovereign remedy for selfishness, so thanksgiving is the sovereign remedy for despondency.

It is only through a delusion that we can ever imagine that there is more in the world to cause us depression than there is to evoke our thankfulness: it is only an attempt of the devil to magnify himself and his works above Almighty GOD and His works.

If we would avoid being victims of this delusion and be able to refuse to be bullied into depression about the world at large or the salvation of our own souls, we must learn and practise the art of thanksgiving.

Here too we must look for a growing and a widening process.

A man will often begin his conscious religious life with no clear method or system of thanksgiving: such bits of thanks and praise as he offers to GOD are merely the spontaneous outcome of a generous heart, unregulated and fitful: his thanksgiving, being thus unmethodical and emotional, is liable to fail him just in the moments when it is most needed to keep true within him the balance of his soul. The time will probably come when he finds himself inevitably confronted with the terrifying mysteries of sin and sorrow and death, and then he may realize that he has nothing to oppose to them, except, it may be, the animal buoyancy of youth, and nothing wherewith to protect himself except a thin covering of semi-christianized stoicism. These soon fail him, and then what has he left to prevent him from being the victim either of a jaundice of sour disappointment or a palsy of selfish indifference?

Happy is he who long ere this has laid the foundation of a growing and deepening habit of detailed and systematic thanksgiving! For thanksgiving is the true cure for depression.

In thinking of depression and its cure it is well to recognize that there are two sorts of depression, the legitimate and the illegitimate. It is legitimate that a man, as he finds himself confronted with sin for which he is not responsible, or with sorrow which he cannot alleviate, should feel a real grief weighing down his heart: indeed he can do no less, and GOD would have him sorrow over all this: but He has given him thanksgiving as a legitimate counterpoise to the sorrow, so that at one time he may turn from bewailing the blight of sin to rejoicing in the triumph of Redemption, or at another time may dispel the lowering clouds of sorrow by thankful recognition of GOD'S over-ruling providence and the glory of His invincible Love.

It is legitimate too that a man should be downcast at

his own sins and his own sinfulness; but here again thanksgiving is GOD'S counterpoise. It is correlative to penitence; for, when the sins are forgiven, penitence has done its work and thanksgiving takes its place. Not that there is no place left for penitence after forgiveness has been assured; for sinfulness still remains only too apparent in the present, to say nothing of the indelible memory of past guilt; but when sin is forgiven, then penitence has a new place and work, and, instead of claiming the first place in the penitent's heart, serves rather as a foil to the thanksgiving. It comes about in this way; the forgiven sinner thanks GOD for all His past mercies: even as he does so, there rises up in his heart a deep sense of shame at his own past wrong-doing, which forms such a hideous contrast to GOD'S mercies: for a moment the shame may threaten to overpower the thanksgiving; but this must not be: the shame must only be permitted temporarily to colour the thanksgiving, and finally, far from overpowering, it will even intensify it. The thanksgiving must overpower the sense of shame, because GOD'S mercies are after all so much greater even than our sins: and the thanksgiving will emerge from this conflict of emotions only intensified, purified, and made more exultant by the conflict.

The triumph of GOD'S mercy is, that it outdoes man's sin: and so the triumph of thanksgiving consists in this, that it outdoes a man's feeling of penitence, and raises him out of himself to forget himself in the all-absorbing effort to render unto GOD His due return of love and praise.

But there is also the illegitimate form of depression, for which thanksgiving is the cure:—that fog of gloom which seems so unaccountable, but which nevertheless is very real and common.

There is the depression which does not come from a healthy realization of the horror of sin or the tragedy of sorrow: it is an unexplained mood, which may be

found to have many unsuspected causes, if one has the wisdom to trace them, but at bottom is nothing else but a malicious delusion of the devil, who knows how by his enchantments to bring on a thick darkness, that in it the unwary may stumble and fall.

If a man treats this state as a serious reality, and questions himself about it, and gives it credit and attention, he is likely enough only to fall into worse perplexity and depression. He must test it then to see whether it is a real thing or an unreal delusion, whether it is legitimate or illegitimate. The test will be to confront it with thanksgiving: this will not only be its touchstone to show whether it is real or unreal, lawful or unlawful, but will also be in either case its cure.

If the depression is a groundless delusion of the devil, it cannot stand before a strong sober act of divine thanksgiving; it will vanish into the nothingness out of which it came. If it is a real and legitimate depression, it has been already pointed out how thanksgiving will prove its corrective.

Much might be said of the growing need of habits of thanksgiving as a cure for depression: it is increasingly easy nowadays to be overwrought and overdone in body mind and soul, and so to put oneself at the mercy of despondency both legitimate and illegitimate. It is increasingly easy to seek for the remedy of this contagion in the wrong place, that is, to have recourse to the dangerous palliatives of pleasure and excitement, rather than to the sound specific of thanksgiving.

GOD grant that this little book may do something to point out and apply the true cure!

But it would be very derogatory to think of thanksgiving merely as a cure for depression, as a mere remedy to be stored up and held in readiness against the cloudy and dark day. Rather it must be the constant companion of every day and hour, by its continual presence brightening what is dark, and lightening up that which is already bright with an unearthly radiance.

It is strange to reflect that gratitude is such a difficult thing, and that thanksgiving needs so much cultivation. It seems almost insulting both to GOD and to man alike to have to recommend thanksgiving as desirable either for its own sake or for the joy that it brings with it: it ought to be spontaneous, inevitable, an irrepressible fountain welling up out of love and gratitude and flooding its whole surroundings. But the fact is that it is not so; the natural heart of man is hard and insensible to GOD'S mercies, is cold and ungrateful even when it is conscious of them. So thanksgiving has to be recommended, has to be doggedly practised, has to be laboriously learnt.

But he knows nothing of happiness who has not at least begun to learn how he is in everything to give thanks: and he knows little of the nature and will of Almighty GOD who does not recognize that in so doing he is not merely consulting his own selfish interests but performing also one of his highest duties to GOD.

For in giving thanks the thankful heart not only comes to realise its own profound capacity for drinking in unfailing happiness, but also it begins to overpass the measure of its own feeble powers, to soar aloft above the limits of its own narrow surroundings, drawn upward by ties of duty and love to the throne of majesty and mercy.

And so the personal act of thanksgiving, arising from gratitude for particular mercies, runs up into the more impersonal act of worship, wherein, as the world recedes out of sight, and the clogging details of material life disappear, we lose ourselves in the presence of GOD in glorifying GOD for being what He is.

W. H. F.

The Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield,
Easter, 1898.

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NOTE.—Names marked * are suggested for use for purposes

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1	A	Kalendae.	**Circumcision of our Lord.**
2	b	iv. Non.	
3	c	iii. Non.	
4	d	Prid. Non.	
5	e	Nonae.	
6	f	viii. Id.	**Epiphany of our Lord.**
7	g	vii. Id.	
8	A	vi. Id.	Lucian, P. of Antioch and M. (290).
9	b	v. Id.	
10	c	iv. Id.	[(1153).
11	d	iii. Id.	* David, K. of Scotland and C.
12	e	Prid. Id.	
13	f	Idus.	Hilary, Bp. of Poitiers and C. (368). * Octave of Epiphany.
14	g	xix. Kal. Feb.	
15	A	xviii. Kal.	
16	b	xvii. Kal.	
17	c	xvi. Kal.	* Anthony, Abbot and C. (376).
18	d	xv. Kal.	Prisca, Roman V. and M. (270?).
19	e	xiv. Kal.	* Wulfstan, Bp. of Worcester and C. (1095).
20	f	xiii. Kal.	Fabian, Bp. of Rome and M. (250).
21	g	xii. Kal.	Agnes, Roman V. and M. (304).
22	A	xi. Kal.	Vincent, Spanish Deacon and M.
23	b	x. Kal.	[(304).
24	c	ix. Kal.	
25	d	viii. Kal.	**Conversion of S. Paul.**
26	e	vii. Kal.	* Polycarp, Bp. of Smyrna and M. (156).
27	f	vi. Kal.	* John Chrysostom, Bp. of Constantinople, C. and D. (407).
28	g	v. Kal.	
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1	d	Kalendae.	Vigil. * Ignatius, Bp. of Antioch and M. (107).
2	e	iv. Non.	**Purification of Mary, the B.V.**
3	f	iii. Non.	Blasius, Armenian Bp. and M. (316).
4	g	Prid. Non.	
5	A	Nonae.	Agatha, Sicilian V. and M. (251).
6	b	viii. Id.	
7	c	vii. Id.	
8	d	vi. Id.	
9	e	v. Id.	
10	f	iv. Id.	* Scholastica, V. (*c.* 543).
11	g	iii. Id.	
12	A	Prid. Id.	
13	b	Idus.	
14	c	xvi. Kal. Mar.	Valentine, Bp. of Terni, and M.
15	d	xv. Kal.	[(270).
16	e	xiv. Kal.	
17	f	xiii. Kal.	
18	g	xii. Kal.	* Colman, Bp. of Lindisfarne, and
19	A	xi. Kal.	[C. (676).
20	b	x. Kal.	
21	c	ix. Kal.	
22	d	viii. Kal.	
23	e	vii. Kal.	Vigil.
24	f	vi. Kal.	**Matthias, Ap. and M.**
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1	d	Kalendae.	David, Abp. of Menevia and C. (544).
2	e	vi. Non.	Chad, Bp. of Lichfield and C. (672).
3	f	v. Non.	
4	g	iv. Non.	
5	A	iii. Non.	
6	b	Prid. Non.	
7	c	Nonae.	Perpetua * and Felicitas, Mauritanian MM. (203).
8	d	viii. Id.	
9	e	vii. Id.	* Gregory, Bp. of Nyssa, C. (*c.* 395).
10	f	vi. Id.	
11	g	v. Id.	
12	A	iv. Id.	Gregory, Bp. of Rome, C. and D. [(604).
13	b	iii. Id.	
14	c	Prid. Id.	
15	d	Idus.	
16	e	xvii. Kal. Apr.	
17	f	xvi. Kal.	* Patrick, Bp. and C. (*c.* 493). * Joseph of Arimathaea.
18	g	xv. Kal.	Edward, King of W. Saxons and M. (979). * Cyril, Bp. of Jerusalem and C. (386).
19	A	xiv. Kal.	
20	b	xiii. Kal.	* Cuthbert, Bp. of Lindisfarne
21	c	xii. Kal.	Benedict, Abbot (543). [(687).
22	d	xi. Kal.	
23	e	x. Kal.	
24	f	ix. Kal.	Vigil.
25	g	viii. Kal.	**Annunciation of Mary.**
26	A	vii. Kal.	
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1	g	Kalendae.	* Gilbert, Bp. of Caithness and C. (1240).
2	A	iv. Non.	
3	b	iii. Non.	Richard, Bp. of Chichester and C. (1253).
4	c	Prid. Non.	Ambrose, Bp. of Milan, C. and D. (397).
5	d	Nonae.	
6	e	viii. Id.	
7	f	vii. Id.	
8	g	vi. Id.	
9	A	v. Id.	
10	b	iv. Id.	
11	c	iii. Id.	* Leo, Bp. of Rome, C. and D. (461).
12	d	Prid. Id.	
13	e	Idus.	
14	f	xviii. Kal. Mai.	
15	g	xvii. Kal.	
16	A	xvi. Kal.	
17	b	xv. Kal.	
18	c	xiv. Kal.	
19	d	xiii. Kal.	Alphege, Abp. of Canterbury and M. (1011).
20	e	xii. Kal.	
21	f	xi. Kal.	* Anselm, Abp. of Canterbury, C. and D. (1109).
22	g	x. Kal.	
23	A	ix. Kal.	George, M. (*c.* 303).
24	b	viii. Kal.	* Wilfrid, Bp. of York, and C. (709).
25	c	vii. Kal.	**Mark, Ev. and M.**
26	d	vi. Kal.	
27	e	v. Kal.	
28	f	iv. Kal.	
29	g	iii. Kal.	
30	A	Prid. Kal.	* Katharine of Siena, V. (1380).

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1	b	Kalendae.	**Philip and James, AA. and MM.**
2	c	vi. Non.	* Athanasius, Bp. of Alexandria, C. and D. (373).
3	d	v. Non.	Invention of the Cross (326).
4	e	iv. Non.	* Monica, Matron (387).
5	f	iii. Non.	
6	g	Prid. Non.	S. John Evan. ante portam Latinam
7	A	Nonae.	[(*c.* 95).
8	b	viii. Id.	
9	c	vii. Id.	* Gregory Nazianzen, Bp. of Constantinople, C. and D. (390).
10	d	vi. Id.	
11	e	v. Id.	
12	f	iv. Id.	
13	g	iii. Id.	
14	A	Prid. Id.	
15	b	Idus.	
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17	d	xvi. Kal.	
18	e	xv. Kal.	
19	f	xiv. Kal.	Dunstan, Abp. of Canterbury and C. (988).
20	g	xiii. Kal.	
21	A	xii. Kal.	* Helena, Matron (*c.* 326).
22	b	xi. Kal.	
23	c	x. Kal.	
24	d	ix. Kal.	
25	e	viii. Kal.	* Aldhelm, Bp. of Sherborne, and C. (709).
26	f	vii. Kal.	Augustine, first Abp. of Canterbury and C. (605).
27	g	vi. Kal.	Venerable Bede, P. and C. (735).
28	A	v. Kal.	
29	b	iv. Kal.	
30	c	iii. Kal.	
31	d	Prid. Kal.	

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1	e	Kalendae.	Nicomede, Roman P. and M. (*c.* 90). * Justin M. (167).
2	f	iv. Non.	* Pothinus, Bp. of Lyons and his companions, MM. (177).
3	g	iii. Non.	
4	A	Prid. Non.	
5	b	Nonae.	Boniface, Bp. of Mainz, M. (755).
6	c	viii. Id.	
7	d	vii. Id.	
8	e	vi. Id.	
9	f	v. Id.	* Columba, Abbot (597). [(1093).
10	g	iv. Id.	* Margaret of Scotland, Matron
11	A	iii. Id.	**Barnabas, Ap. and M.**
12	b	Prid. Id.	
13	c	Idus.	
14	d	xviii..Kal. Iul.	* Basil, Bp. of Caesarea, in Cappadocia, C. and D. (379).
15	e	xvii. Kal.	
16	f	xvi. Kal.	
17	g	xv. Kal.	Alban, Protomartyr of Britain (286).
18	A	xiv. Kal.	
19	b	xiii. Kal.	* Gervasius and Protasius, MM. of Milan (*c.* 161).
20	c	xii. Kal.	Trans. of Edward, King of W. Saxons, M.
21	d	xi. Kal.	
22	e	x. Kal.	
23	f	ix. Kal.	Vigil.
24	g	viii. Kal.	**Nativity of S. John Baptist.**
25	A	vii. Kal.	
26	b	vi. Kal.	
27	c	v. Kal.	
28	d	iv. Kal.	Vigil. * Irenaeus, Bp. of Lyons and M. (*c.* 202).
29	e	iii. Kal.	**S. Peter, Ap. and M.**
30	f	Prid. Kal.	

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1	g	Kalendae.	
2	A	vi. Non.	Visitation of B. Virgin Mary.
3	b	v. Non.	
4	c	iv. Non.	Translation of Martin, Bp. and C.
5	d	iii. Non.	
6	e	Prid. Non.	* Palladius, Bp. of the Picts and C. (*c.* 450).
7	f	Nonae.	
8	g	viii. Id.	
9	A	vii. Id.	
10	b	vi. Id.	
11	c	v. Id.	
12	d	iv. Id.	
13	e	iii. Id.	
14	f	Prid. Id.	
15	g	Idus.	Trans. of Swithun, Bp. of Winton.
16	A	xvii. Kal. Aug.	
17	b	xvi. Kal.	
18	c	xv. Kal.	
19	d	xiv. Kal.	
20	e	xiii. Kal.	Margaret, V. and M. at Antioch (*c.* 275).
21	f	xii. Kal.	
22	g	xi. Kal.	Mary Magdalene.
23	A	x. Kal.	
24	b	ix. Kal.	Vigil.
25	c	viii. Kal.	James, Ap. and M.
26	d	vii. Kal.	Anne, Mother of the B. V. Mary.
27	e	vi. Kal.	
28	f	v. Kal.	
29	g	iv. Kal.	
30	A	iii. Kal.	
31	b	Prid. Kal.	

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AUGUST.

1	c	Kalendae.	Lammas Day. * S. Peter's Chains.
2	d	iv. Non.	
3	e	iii. Non.	
4	f	Prid. Non.	* Dominic, C. (1221).
5	g	Nonae.	* Oswald, K. of Northumbria and M. (642).
6	A	viii. Id.	Transfiguration of our LORD.
7	b	vii. Id.	Name of JESUS.
8	c	vi. Id.	
9	d	v. Id.	
10	e	iv. Id.	Lawrence, Archd. of Rome and M. (258).
11	f	iii. Id.	
12	g	Prid. Id.	
13	A	Idus.	
14	b	xix. Kal. Sept.	
15	c	xviii. Kal.	* Repose of the B. Virgin Mary.
16	d	xvii. Kal.	
17	e	xvi. Kal.	
18	f	xv. Kal.	
19	g	xiv. Kal.	
20	A	xiii. Kal.	* Bernard, Abbot and C. (1153).
21	b	xii. Kal.	
22	c	xi. Kal.	
23	d	x. Kal.	Vigil.
24	e	ix. Kal.	Bartholomew, Ap. and M.
25	f	viii. Kal.	* Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, V. (680).
26	g	vii. Kal.	
27	A	vi. Kal.	
28	b	v. Kal.	Augustine, Bp. of Hippo, C. and D. (430).
29	c	iv. Kal.	Beheading of John Baptist.
30	d	iii. Kal.	
31	e	Prid. Kal.	* Aidan, Bp. of Lindisfarne, and C. (651).

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1	f	Kalendae.	Giles, Abbot and C. (*c.* 724).
2	g	iv. Non.	
3	A	iii. Non.	
4	b	Prid. Non.	
5	c	Nonae.	
6	d	viii. Id.	
7	e	vii. Id.	Evurtius, Bp. of Orleans and C. (340).
8	f	vi. Id.	Nativity of the B. Virgin Mary.
9	g	v. Id.	
10	A	iv. Id.	
11	b	iii. Id.	
12	c	Prid. Id.	
13	d	Idus.	
14	e	xviii. Kal. Oct.	Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
15	f	xvii. Kal.	
16	g	xvi. Kal.	* Ninian, Bp. of Whithern and C. (*c.* 432).
17	A	xv. Kal.	Lambert, Bp. of Maestricht and M. (709).
18	b	xiv. Kal.	
19	c	xiii. Kal.	* Theodore, Abp. of Canterbury and C. (690).
20	d	xii. Kal.	Vigil.
21	e	xi. Kal.	**Matthew, Ap., Ev. and M.**
22	f	x. Kal.	
23	g	ix. Kal.	* Thecla, V.M. (1st Cent.).
24	A	viii. Kal.	
25	b	vii. Kal.	
26	c	vi. Kal.	Cyprian, Bp. of Carthage and M. (258).
27	d	v. Kal.	
28	e	iv. Kal.	
29	f	iii. Kal.	**S. Michael and All Angels.**
30	g	Prid. Kal.	Jerome, P., C. and D. (420).

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1	A	Kalendae.	Remigius, Bp. of Rheims and C. (533).
2	b	vi. Non.	
3	c	v. Non.	
4	d	iv. Non.	* Francis of Assisi, C. (1226).
5	e	iii. Non.	
6	f	Prid. Non.	Faith, V. and M. (304).
7	g	Nonae.	
8	A	viii. Id.	
9	b	vii. Id.	Denys, Areop., Bp. and M. (273).
10	c	vi. Id.	* Paulinus, Bp. of York and C. (644).
11	d	v. Id.	* Philip the Deacon and C.
12	e	iv. Id.	
13	f	iii. Id.	Translation of K. Edward Conf.
14	g	Prid. Id.	
15	A	Idus.	
16	b	xvii. Kal. Nov.	
17	c	xvi. Kal.	Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, V. (679).
18	d	xv. Kal.	Luke, Ev.
19	e	xiv. Kal.	* Frideswide, Abbess at Oxford, V. (*c.* 790).
20	f	xiii. Kal.	
21	g	xii. Kal.	
22	A	xi. Kal.	
23	b	x. Kal.	* Justin, M. (167).
24	c	ix. Kal.	
25	d	viii. Kal.	Crispin and Crispinian, MM. (285).
26	e	vii. Kal.	
27	f	vi. Kal.	Vigil.
28	g	v. Kal.	Simon and Jude, AA. and MM.
29	A	iv. Kal.	
30	b	iii. Kal.	
31	c	Prid. Kal.	Vigil.

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1	d	Kalendae.	**All Saints' Day.**
2	e	iv. Non.	
3	f	iii. Non.	* Tr. of Winifred, V. (7th Cent.).
4	g	Prid. Non.	
5	A	Nonae.	
6	b	viii. Id.	Leonard, C. (404).
7	c	vii. Id.	
8	d	vi. Id.	* Octave of All Saints.
9	e	v. Id.	
10	f	iv. Id.	
11	g	iii. Id.	Martin, Bp. of Tours and C. (400).
12	A	Prid. Id.	
13	b	Idus.	Britius, Bp. of Tours and C. (443).
14	c	xviii. Kal. Dec.	* Tr. of Erkenwald, Bp. of London and C.
15	d	xvii. Kal.	Machutus, Bp. of Alet and C. (565).
16	e	xvi. Kal.	
17	f	xv. Kal.	Hugh, Bp. of Lincoln and C. (1200).
18	g	xiv. Kal.	
19	A	xiii. Kal.	
20	b	xii. Kal.	Edmund, K. of East Anglia and M. (870).
21	c	xi. Kal.	* Columban, Abbot and C. (615).
22	d	x. Kal.	Cecilia, V. and M. (3rd Cent.).
23	e	ix. Kal.	Clement, Bp. of Rome and M. (*c.* 100).
24	f	viii. Kal.	
25	g	vii. Kal.	Katharine of Alexandria, V. and M. ((4th Cent.).
26	A	vi. Kal.	
27	b	v. Kal.	
28	c	iv. Kal.	
29	d	iii. Kal.	Vigil. * John of Damascus, C. (780).
30	e	Prid. Kal.	**Andrew, Ap. and M.**

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1	f	Kalendae.	
2	g	iv. Non.	
3	A	iii. Non.	* Birinus, Bp. of Dorchester and C. (*c.* 650).
4	b	Prid. Non.	* Clement of Alexandria, C. and D. (*c.* 215).
5	c	Nonae.	
6	d	viii. Id.	Nicolas, Bp. of Myra, in Lycia, and C. (342).
7	e	vii. Id.	
8	f	vi. Id.	Conception of B. V. Mary.
9	g	v. Id.	
10	A	iv. Id.	
11	b	iii. Id.	
12	c	Prid. Id.	
13	d	Idus.	Lucy, V. and M. (304).
14	e	xix. Kal. Ian.	
15	f	xviii. Kal.	
16	g	xvii. Kal.	*O Sapientia.*
17	A	xvi. Kal.	
18	b	xv. Kal.	
19	c	xiv. Kal.	
20	d	xiii. Kal.	Vigil.
21	e	xii. Kal.	Thomas, Ap. and M.
22	f	xi. Kal.	
23	g	x. Kal.	
24	A	ix. Kal.	Vigil.
25	b	viii. Kal.	Christmas Day.
26	c	vii. Kal.	Stephen, the first Martyr.
27	d	vi. Kal.	John, Ap. and Ev.
28	e	v. Kal.	Innocents' Day.
29	f	iv. Kal.	* Thomas, Abp. of Canterbury and M. (1170).
30	g	iii. Kal.	
31	A	Prid. Kal.	Silvester, Bp. of Rome and C. (335).

INTERCESSION.

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That intercession is a great and necessary part of Christian devotion, is very evident from Scripture.

The first followers of CHRIST seem to support all their love, and to maintain all their intercourse and correspondence, by mutual prayers for one another.

S. Paul, whether he writes to Churches or particular persons, shows his intercession to be perpetual for them, that they are the constant subject of his prayers. . . .

Apostles and great Saints did not only thus benefit and bless particular Churches and private persons, but they themselves also received graces from GOD by the prayers of others. . . .

This was the ancient friendship of Christians, uniting and cementing their hearts, not by worldly considerations, or human passions, but by the mutual communication of spiritual blessings, by prayers and thanksgivings to GOD for one another. . . .

A frequent intercession with GOD, earnestly beseeching Him to forgive the sins of all mankind, to bless them with His providence, enlighten them with His SPIRIT, and bring them to everlasting happiness, is the divinest exercise that the heart of man can be engaged in.

Be daily, therefore, on your knees, in a solemn, deliberate performance of this devotion, praying for others in such forms, with such length, importunity, and earnestness, as you use for yourself; and you will find all little, ill-natured passions die away, your heart grow great and generous, delighting in the common happiness of others, as you used only to delight in your own. . . .

This is the natural effect of a general intercession for all mankind. But the greatest benefits of it are then received, when it descends to such particular instances as our state and condition in life more particularly require of us.

LAW, *A Serious Call*, ch. xxi.

Before thou prayest prepare thyself:
And be not as one that tempteth GOD.

Ecclus. xviii. 23.

When prayer delights thee least then learn to say,
'Soul, now is deepest need that thou should'st pray.'

ABP. TRENCH.

LORDE, some prayer Thou kenne us,
That somewhat might mirthe us or mend us:
Fro' all fandyng unfaythful Thou fend us,
Here in this worlde of life while we laste.

York Mystery Plays, xxviii. 30.

A PREPARATION FOR PRAYER.

LORD, teach us to pray.	S. Luke xi. 1.
Thou that hearest the prayer,	Ps. lxv. 2.
Unto Thee shall all flesh come.	
Ask, and it shall be given you,	S. Luke xi. 9.
Seek, and ye shall find,	
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.	
For every one that asketh receiveth ;	S. Luke xi. 10.
if he be a worshipper of GOD,	S. John ix. 31.
and doeth His Will, GOD heareth.	
If he abide in Thee	S. John xv. 7.
and Thy words abide in him,	
he shall ask what he will	
and it shall be done unto him.	
If he ask in faith, nothing wavering ;	S. James i. 6.
not as the hypocrites,	S. Matt. vi. 5.
that pray so that they may be seen of men ;	
not as the heathen with vain repetitions,	S. Matt. vi. 7.
thinking to be heard for their much speaking ;	
if he pray always and never faint,	S. Luke xviii. 1
and cry day and night	
till GOD avenge His elect,	
at least because of his importunity GOD heareth ;	S. Luke xi. 8.
and he shall receive whatever he ask in prayer,	S. Matt. xxi. 22
believing with confidence,	1 S. John v. 14.
continuing instant,	Rom. xii. 12.
that his prayers be not hindered,	1 S. Peter iii. 7.
nor be turned into sin.	Ps. cix. 6.
If he keep Thy commandments	1 S. John iii. 22.
and do those things that are pleasing	
in Thy sight,	
his effectual fervent prayer availeth much,	S. James v. 16.
and he receiveth whatever he asketh.	1 S. John iii. 22.

S. Matt. xxvi. 41. *Watch and pray,*
that ye enter not into temptation.

Heb. xi. 6. Yea, LORD, Thou rewarder of them that
diligently seek Thee,
Rom. x. 12. Who art rich unto all that call upon Thee;
S. Matt. xxvi. 41. the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.
Grant me then grace by Thine ineffable mercy
S. Luke xxii. 44. like Thee to be in an agony,
Rom. xv. 30. to strive in prayer,
Gen. xxxii. 24. to wrestle till the breaking of the day;
Eph. vi. 18. watching in prayer with all perseverance
1 Thess. v. 17. and supplication for all saints;
Rom. i. 9. without ceasing,
1 S. Tim. v. 5. continuing in supplications night and day,
S. John iv. 23. in spirit and in truth,
Acts xii. 5. in union with the ceaseless prayer of the Church;
Acts x. 4. that my prayer may come up for a memorial
before Thee.
Acts iv. 31. And as of old the place was shaken
Rom. viii. 26. when the HOLY GHOST helped the infirmity
of the prayer of the Church;
Acts xvi. 25. and as there was a great earthquake
when the Apostles prayed
and sang praises unto GOD;
so may it be now
while even I pray and praise Thee;
2 Cor. x. 4. to the pulling down of strongholds of Satan,
S. John xiv. 13. to the glorifying of GOD the FATHER in Thee;
in Whose name I call,
in Whose promise I trust,
JESUS, my Intercessor, my SAVIOUR,
my LORD, and my GOD.

SUBJECTS FOR DAILY INTERCESSION.

[*It is suggested that these should be taken after the General Subjects for each day.*]

1.—SPECIAL PERSONS. Relations, Friends, Benefactors, Departed.

2.—SPECIAL CLAIMS. People, Needs, Obligations, Guilds, etc.

3.—All whom I shall meet (or have met) to-day; all who pray for me or desire my prayers.

Remember, I beseech Thee, O LORD my GOD, all these Thy servants [whose names Thou knowest]: pour out upon all the riches of Thy mercy, and give to each the desire of his heart unto salvation.

Remember, O LORD, all those whose names I have no recalled through my ignorance or forgetfulness, or because of the multitude of claims; for Thou knowest the name and condition of each one, Thou knowest each one from his mother's womb.

For Thou, O LORD, art the help of the helpless;
the hope of the hopeless;
the healer of the sick;
a shelter in the tempest;
a refuge from the storm.

Be Thou to all their all, for Thou art conscious of each man's request and circumstances and need.

Through the grace and mercy and loving-kindness of Thine only-begotten SON, with Whom in the unity of the Holy and Life-giving SPIRIT Thou art blessed and glorified now and for evermore.

SUNDAY.

With all prayer and supplication praying at all seasons in the Spirit, and watching thereunto in all perseverance and supplication for all the saints, and on my behalf, that utterance may be given unto me in opening my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the Gospel.

Eph. vi. 18, 19.

Our blessed LORD hath recommended His love to us, as the pattern and example of our love to one another. As, therefore, He is continually making intercession for us all, so ought we to intercede and pray for one another.

W. LAW, *A Serious Call*, ch. xx.

Far is the time, remote from human sight,
When war and discord on the earth shall cease:
Yet every prayer for universal peace
Avails the blessed time to expedite.

H. COLERIDGE.

SUNDAY.

SCHEME.

The Kingdom of God, Spiritual. I.

THE CHURCH CATHOLIC.	Bishops.
ANGLICAN.	Clergy.
	Lay Workers.
ROMAN.	Choirs and Servers.
	Church Officers.
ORTHODOX.	Theological Colleges.
SEPARATED.	Ordination Candidates.
Services.	Sacraments.
Doctrine.	Discipline.
Faithfulness.	Growth.
Unity.	Charity.

General—For the Church.

GRACIOUS FATHER, I humbly beseech Thee for Thy Holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth; in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purge it; and where it is in error, direct it; where it is superstitious, rectify it; where anything is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is in want, furnish it; where it is divided and rent asunder, make up the breaches of it; O Thou Holy One of Israel. Amen.

OUR FATHER . . .

For the Church Catholic.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD, do wonders as of old by Thine outstretched arm for the protection of all Thy faithful people; that our enemies may be crushed by Thy mighty power, and Thou mayest keep us undisturbed in the exercise of catholic faith and christian life; through.

For the Church of England.

O LORD, we beseech Thee to visit with Thy grace and heavenly benediction Thy Church in this land. Give to our bishops and pastors (. . . . .), wisdom and holiness, and unwearied zeal for souls. Forgive the sins of Thy people, and bestow upon us the increase of faith, hope, and love. Grant us to be all of one heart and one mind, that we may diligently do Thy will and show forth Thy glory before the world; through.

14. O LORD, we beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend . . .

The Church in which I live.

O MERCIFUL GOD, bless this particular Church in which I live; make it, and all the members of it, sound in faith and holy in life, that they may serve Thee and Thou bless them.

13. Keep, we beseech Thee, O LORD, Thy Church with Thy perpetual . . .

21. O Almighty and everlasting GOD, Who didst give to Thine Apostle Bartholomew grace truly . . .

Separated.

HAVE mercy, O LORD, upon all those who, though living in ignorance of Thy covenanted gifts of grace, are yet studious to serve Thee with sincerity of purpose. Regard not their separation, but accept their good will, and grant that they, laying aside all human prejudice, may listen to the voice of Thy HOLY SPIRIT, and be made partakers of His blessed renewal in the unity of the Body of Thy dear SON; through the same.

9. Almighty GOD, Who shewest to them that be in error the light . . .

For Bishops.

O GOD, Who rulest Thy people with fatherly love, give the spirit of wisdom to all who have received from Thee the authority of government; that the welfare of Thy holy sheep may turn to the everlasting joy of their pastors; through.

ALMIGHTY everlasting GOD, by Whose eternal wisdom all things consist, have respect unto our prayers, and maintain in godliness the bishops whom Thou hast chosen; that under their governance the christian flock may receive the increase and the reward of their faith; through.

30. Grant, we beseech Thee, to Thy servants such grace, that they . . .

31. Most merciful FATHER, we beseech Thee to send down . . .

For Priests.

O GOD, Whose ways are all mercy and truth, carry on Thy gracious work, and bestow by Thy benefits, what human frailty cannot attain; that they who attend upon the heavenly mysteries may be grounded in perfect faith, and shine forth conspicuous by the purity of their souls; through.

O GOD, by Whose decree the course of the world is directed, look favourably upon Thy servants whom Thou hast called to the order of the priesthood: and that their service may be well pleasing unto Thee, mercifully renew in them evermore the gifts which Thou hast given them; through.

1. O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger . . .

For the Sanctification of the Clergy.

O LORD, Who delightest to effect by grace what the weakness of our nature cannot attain to, illuminate the stewards of Thy mysteries with Thy indwelling purity; that in the work of the ministry their word may go forth as fire, to consume the evil, to melt the stony-hearted, to purify the unclean, to enlighten the ignorant, and to quicken the dead; through.

20. O Almighty GOD, Who by Thy SON JESUS CHRIST didst give to Thy . . .

For Deacons.

28. Almighty GOD, Giver of all good things, Who of Thy great goodness . . .

For Priests.

29. Most merciful FATHER, we beseech Thee to send upon Thy servants . . .

For Courage in the Clergy.

O GOD of peace and truth, rebuke the spirit of antichrist, lawlessness, and discord, which is ready to break in upon this Church and nation; restrain its abettors, and give grace to all who minister in Thy name (. . .), that, like faithful servants and soldiers of JESUS CHRIST Thy SON, they may stand in the breach, and omit no part of their duty in this day of danger; through.

Lay Workers.

ASSIST, O Merciful LORD, all those who minister before Thee in the choir, and in the sanctuary: that they may enjoy the blessedness of dwelling in this Thine earthly house, and here be always praising Thee, until Thou call them to take their part in the unending worship of Thy saints and angels in heaven.

Church Officers.

GRANT them, O LORD, an uncorrupt life, a truthful heart, an humble spirit: that they may execute their trust with loyalty and devotion, and make much of them that fear the LORD; and so after years of zealous labour in Thine earthly tabernacle they may at the last rest upon Thy holy hill in the heavenly Zion; through.

For Theological Colleges.

O EVERLASTING GOD, Who art ever adored by the holy angels, yet dost choose men to be the stewards of Thy mysteries; bless, we beseech Thee, the work of the College at . . .; that they who cannot do any good without Thee, may by Thee be won to purity and love, and illuminated with a true knowledge of Thy Word and Sacraments: and so, being made able ministers of the New Testament, may advance Thy glory, and the salvation of Thy elect servants.

Ordination Candidates.

O GOD, Who dost ever hallow and protect Thy Church, raise up therein, through Thy SPIRIT, good and faithful stewards of the mysteries of CHRIST; that by their ministry and example the christian people may abide under Thy protection, and be guided in the way of truth; through the same.

This Day's Services.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, forasmuch as none can come to receive Thy holy word, except Thou draw them by Thy gracious inspiration, we beseech Thee to pour out Thy HOLY SPIRIT upon those who worship to-day in Thy holy house of prayer (*especially . . .*) ; that their hearts may be inclined favourably to receive, steadfastly to retain, and obediently to perform, whatsoever shall be taught them in Thy name ; and that they may manifest, in the dedication to Thee of their lives and substance, that thankfulness which they owe to Thee for Thy redeeming love ; through.

12. Let Thy merciful ears, O LORD, be open to the prayers . . .

For Prayerfulness.

O GOD, Who callest us to pray to Thee, pardon, we beseech Thee, the imperfections of all our devotions ; and grant that they who are specially troubled by wandering thoughts in prayer, may be mercifully strengthened by Thy grace to resist the temptations of the wicked one ; and may be enabled so earnestly to contemplate Thy presence, that their worship of Thee upon earth may be a foretaste of the perfect fruition of Thy Godhead, which shall be the joy and strength of Thy worshippers, in Thine everlasting kingdom ; through.

For Profaners of the Lord's Day.

O GOD, grant that they who, neglecting Thy worship on Thy holy day, give themelves rather to the business or pleasure of the world, may turn to Thee while it is yet time, and rise out of all carnal affections by the power of grace ; so that they perish not in everlasting death when the world and its lust shall

have passed away, but, being found in Him Who died for us and rose again, may be saved by grace ; through the same.

The Holy Eucharist.

O GOD, Who in this wonderful sacrament hast left us a memorial of Thy passion ; grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may evermore perceive within ourselves the fruit of Thy redemption ; Who livest.

Doctrine.

O GOD, Who hast laid the foundations of Thy Church upon the holy hills, grant that no inroads of error may attack it, nor any commotion of the world disturb it ; but that, firmly grounded on the basis of the Apostles, it may be kept with the aid of their prayers in true loyalty to Thee.

2. Merciful LORD, we beseech Thee . . .

For the Holy Discipline of the Church.

O GOD, Who by the ministry of Thy blessed Apostles didst cause Thy holy religion to be acknowledged throughout the world, give grace unto Thy Church devoutly to exercise that holy discipline which from them it has received ; through.

Faithfulness.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD, implant within us Thy holy will, that in our hearts we may faithfully retain it, and in our lives may devoutly shew forth the same : that so Thy Church, renouncing the vanities of the world, may be zealous to carry out in deed that truth which in word she confesses ; through.

Growth.

O GOD, restorer and governor of mankind, we beseech Thee to grant that Thy Church may continually be increased by the gathering in of new children to Thee, and perfected by the increasing devotion of those who have been regenerated ; through.

Unity.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who saidst to Thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; regard not our sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to Thy will ; Who livest.

Charity.

O GOD, Who requirest of Thy people a heart full of wisdom and unfeigned charity ; grant us so to preserve the measure of true love, that those among us who dissent from due unity and concord may have no fair ground for hostility against us.

LITANY.

Remember, O LORD, Thy Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church throughout the whole world, and bestow upon it richly the gifts of Thine all-holy SPIRIT.

Remember especially the Church in this our land, and all the Churches connected therewith; remove all that is evil, strengthen all that is good, and supply all the deficiencies thereof.

Remember, O LORD, all christian people, who, though alienated from Thy Church, desire to serve Thee in holy living. Oh, build Thou up Jerusalem, and gather together there the outcasts of Israel!

Remember, O LORD, our holy fathers the bishops throughout all the world, who rightly divide the word of truth.

Remember in the multitude of Thy mercy and Thy compassion all priests and deacons who this day are ministering at Thy holy altar: that Thy priests may live a blameless life, and Thy deacons may preserve their ministry undefiled, and obtain for themselves a good degree.

Remember, O LORD, all those who this day take part in Thy holy mysteries and offer at Thy holy altar: accomplish the desire of each heart, and fulfil every good intention.

Remember, O LORD, all those who join this day in common worship before Thy throne of grace: let none be absent through coldness or carelessness: let all be enabled to do Thee hearty service: multiply our opportunities, and give us grace to use them with unfailing steadfastness and fervent devotion.

Remember, O LORD, the ministers of Thy Church for their labour in word and sacrament, and in the proclamation of Thy glorious Gospel: endow them with wisdom for their high task, with learning for the setting forth of Thy truth, with loving zeal and devotion for Thy glory, and the salvation of souls: with humble self-surrender, lest they themselves be cast away: and both by their lives and their labours do Thou vouchsafe to enrich mankind and advance Thy heavenly kingdom.

Remember, O LORD, Thy covenant of grace, whereby new souls are daily adopted as Thy children, are sealed with the unction of the SPIRIT, are restored to holiness by the power of absolution, and refreshed and strengthened by the Body and Blood of Thy dear SON; that no human weakness may mar the operations of Thine unfailing loving-kindness.

Remember, O LORD, all those whom Thou art calling to serve Thee hereafter in Thy ministry, that none may spoil or lose his vocation, but that many may go forth as devoted labourers in Thy vineyard.

Remember, O LORD, all those who with heart and hand and voice bear their part in the services of Thy holy place, that they may have grace to serve Thee acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Remember, O LORD, all those in Thy Church who bear good fruit and do good works, and are mindful of the poor, the widow, the orphan, the stranger, and the destitute.

Vouchsafe to remember all those who in every generation since the world began have been well pleasing unto Thee, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, confessors, holy doctors, virgins and matrons, and all the spirits of just men made perfect in the faith of JESUS CHRIST (*especially* . . .); and, though

I am unworthy to commemorate their blessedness, may they, as they stand before Thy dread and fearsome judgment seat, remember in return my unworthiness, that I may find grace and mercy before Thee, O LORD, in time of need.

Remember, O LORD, Thou GOD of the spirits of all flesh, all Thy faithful people, whether remembered or forgotten by me, from righteous Abel unto the present day: grant them refreshment there in Thy kingdom, in the land of the living, in the bliss of paradise, in the bosom of our holy forefathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, whence sorrow and sighing are fled away, where all is overseen and pervaded by the light of Thy countenance.

Through Thine only begotten SON, our LORD GOD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, with Whom in the unity of the all-holy, blessed, and life-giving SPIRIT Thou art blessed and glorified now, henceforth and for evermore. Amen.

MONDAY.

Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the FATHER may be glorified in the SON. If ye shall ask Me anything in My name, that will I do.

S. John xiv. 13, 14.

There is nothing that makes us love a man so much as praying for him ; and when you can once do this sincerely for any man, you have fitted your soul for the performance of everything that is kind and civil towards him.

W. LAW, *A Serious Call*, ch. xxi.

It was not warning that our fathers lacked,
  It is not warning that we lack to-day,
The Voice that cried still cries, " Rise up and act :
  Watch alway,—watch and pray,—watch alway,—
    All men."

Alas, if aught was lacked good will was lacked ;
  Alas, good will is what we lack to-day.
O gracious Voice, grant grace that all may act,
  Watch and act,—watch and pray,—watch alway.—
    Amen.

CHRISTINA ROSSETTI.

MONDAY.

SCHEME.

The Kingdom of God, Spiritual. II.

LAITY.	Communicants. Church Workers. In need of guidance. In doubt. Seeking their vocation. In special temptation. In despondency. In happiness. Travellers.
FAMILY LIFE.	Parents. Young people. Children. Unbaptised. Unconfirmed.
RELIGIOUS LIFE.	Men. Women. Guilds, etc.

General.

O MERCIFUL LORD JESUS, I beseech Thee to grant to all those for whom I desire to pray (. . .), the pardon of all past offences, and preservation from all future failings; that loving Thee, serving Thee, and obeying Thee with all fervour, fidelity, and perseverance unto the end, they may at length be admitted to the eternal enjoyment of Thy blessed kingdom; where Thy saints ever follow Thee, praising and glorifying Thee as the Lamb Who wast slain for the sins of the world, and hast redeemed them unto the FATHER for ever and ever. Amen.

OUR FATHER . . .

6. Almighty GOD, we beseech Thee graciously to behold . . .

COLLECTS.

For Communicants.

O LORD, Who blessest those that love Thee, and makest them holy that put their trust in Thee, pour out, we pray Thee, Thy blessing on Thy servants who, together with us, have received Thy holy mysteries (. . .). Pardon all the imperfections of their worship, give them the desire of their hearts, according to Thy will and their own need; and grant that none of them may be rejected from Thy kingdom, but that all, being preserved in the unity of the faith, may persevere in Thy grace, until they enter into Thy glory; through.

Habitual Communicants.

Now He that ministereth seed to the sower, both minister bread for your food and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness, being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to GOD.

10. Almighty GOD, Who alone canst order the unruly wills . . .

Lapsed Communicants.

GRANT, LORD, that Thy people may hearken unto Thee and walk again in Thy ways: that Thou mayest feed them with the finest wheat flour of the Body of Thy SON JESUS CHRIST, and with the cup of their salvation, even His most precious Blood, that therewith they may be satisfied, and endure in Thy love for ever.

Church Workers.

GRANT, O LORD, that all whom Thou dost choose to work for Thee may labour in union with Thy holy purposes, and in living unity with Thy dear SON

JESUS CHRIST ; that by the power of Thy HOLY SPIRIT they may accomplish far more than they ever know, and work not for results, but for the single love of Thee.

Godfearing.

GRANT, O LORD, unto those that fear Thy name a happiness that shall endure for ever, that by their deeds and by their life they may lay up in store for themselves in heaven a noble harvest of good fruits ; through.

For those who need Guidance.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O Blessed Trinity, that all who need Thy help and guidance may be filled with the knowledge of Thy will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding ; increasing in divine knowledge, and strengthened with all might according to Thy glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness.

Uninstructed.

HAVE compassion, O LORD, our great High Priest, on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way, that the sacrifice which Thou dost ever offer for sins before the FATHER, may avail for their enlightenment, their pardon, and their eternal salvation.

For those in doubt as to their Vocation.

GUIDE, O LORD, we beseech Thee, all who have to decide upon their future course of life ; and give them grace so to follow the indications of Thy providence, that they may live not only to the salvation of their own souls, but to the advancement of Thy glory, according to the measure of Thy most merciful appointment, and receive Thy blessing in time and in eternity ; through.

3. O LORD, we beseech Thee, mercifully to receive the prayers . . .

For the Tempted and Despairing.

O FATHER of glory and GOD of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, grant unto those who are tempted and despairing a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Thyself. Enlighten the eyes of their understanding, that they may know the Hope of Thy calling, the rich glory of Thy inheritance in the saints, and the exceeding greatness of Thy power toward all them that believe in the same our risen and triumphant LORD and Head, Thy SON JESUS CHRIST.

For the Tempted.

GOOD JESU, Who didst vouchsafe to be tempted as we, to overcome Satan for us and in us; teach the tempted swiftly to hold to Thee; hold them, lest they fall; raise them, if they give way; cheer them, if they despond; make them to hold tighter to Thee; and never let us for an instant let Thee go, until Thou bless us.

9. Almighty GOD, Who shewest to them that be in error . . .

15. LORD, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand . . .

For the Desponding.

O GOD of hope, fill Thy despondent children with all joy and peace in believing, that they may abound in hope in the power of the HOLY GHOST.

For those in Doubt.

O LORD our Light and our Salvation, banish the night of gloom and ignorance, and grant to those in doubt the illumination of truth and of knowledge: that their hope may be firmly set in Thee, and the assaults of malicious foes may be brought to naught. Establish their confidence upon a rock of stone, that, surely grounded in the faith of CHRIST, they may be built up in love to their highest perfection.

For the Happy.

O GOD, our true Joy and the giver of all good things, be pleased to grant to those of Thy servants whom Thou hast called to follow Thee in the sunny paths of joy and peace, that they may be filled with the SPIRIT; singing and making melody in their hearts to Thee, and giving Thee thanks always for all things, in the name of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

For Travellers by Sea or Land.

O GOD, Who didst call Abraham to leave his home, and didst protect him in all his wanderings; grant to those who now travel by land or sea (*especially . . .*), a prosperous journey, a quiet time, and a safe arrival at their journey's end. Be to them a shadow in the heat, a refuge in the tempest, a protection in adversity; and grant that, when life's pilgrimage is over, they may arrive at the heavenly country; through.

O LORD, give ear to our prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servant in safety under Thy protection, that, amid all the chances of this our pilgrimage, *he* may ever be guarded by Thine Almighty aid; through.

Family Life.

The LORD make you to increase and abound in love one toward another and toward all men, to the end He may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before GOD even our FATHER, at the coming of our LORD JESUS CHRIST with all His saints.

For Parents.

O GOD and FATHER of us all, impress upon all parents a deep sense of their responsibility before Thee for the care and training of the children whom

Thou hast entrusted to them; and that they may faithfully discharge their trust, make them learn the right use of justice, discipline, and love from the example of Thine own fatherly care of us Thine unworthy children, O GOD and FATHER of us all.

For Young People.

The very GOD of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray GOD your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

For Children.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, we beseech Thee, by the innocence and obedience of Thy holy childhood, and by Thy reverence and love for little children, do Thou guard the children of our land; preserve their innocence, strengthen them when ready to slip, recover the erring, and remove all that may hinder them from being brought up in Thy faith and love; Who livest.

GRANT, O FATHER of all, that Thy holy angels, as they always behold Thy face in heaven, may evermore protect Thy little ones on earth from every danger both of body and soul; through.

Unbaptized.

O FATHER, Who hast called all mankind to receive the adoption of sons through the cleansing waters of Holy Baptism, remove all obstacles to the fulfilment of Thy purpose in every soul whom Thou hast made; that none may be kept back from the font of Thy grace, but that all may come to receive the grace of Thy sacrament, and by the new birth of water and the SPIRIT to enter upon their heavenly inheritance.

Unconfirmed.

COME, HOLY GHOST, and tarry not: make speed to finish Thy work in all those whom Thou hast regenerated; let their hearts be opened to receive Thee, that Thou mayest claim them as Thy temple and abide with them for ever, O LORD and giver of life.

For Religious Life.

MEN.

O GOD, Who preparest a mansion in heaven for all those who forsake the world, enrich even now their earthly homes with heavenly treasure; unite them with bands of love in the unity of common brotherhood, and obedience to Thy precepts; let the power of Thy free grace be manifested in them by soberness, simplicity, and quietness: that their life may bear out their calling, and their aim may be manifest in their works; through.

WOMEN.

LOOK down, O LORD, on the precious jewels of Thy Church, the virgins whom Thou hast dedicated unto Thyself, that they may be kept in body and soul with a conscience void of all offence; through.

For its fuller Restoration.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, pour out abundantly upon Thy Church the spirit which Thou didst bestow upon Thine Apostles, and which Thou dost continually in all ages give, as Thou willest, unto Thy faithful people; that many may hear Thy voice, may leave possessions, parents, hope of wife and children, and their own wills also, and may take up the cross and follow Thee without delay in holy poverty, obedience, and chastity. And unto those, whether they be men or

women, whom thou hast already called, do Thou give so plentifully of Thy grace, that they may provoke one another to love and to good works, and that by their holy conversation there may be spread in every place the good savour of Thee, O CHRIST our GOD ; Who livest.

For Members of Guilds.

O LORD our GOD, make all members of Guilds (*especially* . . .) to be worthy of their calling and to fulfil all the good pleasure of Thy goodness, and the work of faith and power ; that Thy name may be glorified in them and they in Thee ; through.

LITANY.

LORD, have mercy upon us.
CHRIST, have mercy upon us.
LORD, have mercy upon us.

O CHRIST, hear me.
O CHRIST, graciously hear me.

O GOD the FATHER, of heaven,
Have mercy upon us.

O GOD the SON, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O GOD the HOLY GHOST,
Have mercy upon us.

Holy Trinity, One GOD,
Be gracious to us,
and spare us, O LORD,
and hearken unto my voice as I cry unto Thee.

May it please Thee to bless Thy whole Church, and to increase the number of those who labour in Thy harvest.

May it please Thee to stir up fresh zeal in all Thy faithful people, for the advance of every good word and work.

May it please Thee to grant unto all communicants to be truly reconciled to Thee, and to be in perfect charity with all the world, as they approach the Banquet of Divine Love.

May they, as they go forth from Thy heavenly mysteries, be zealous to praise and glorify Thee, and strive to live after Thy commandments.

By this heavenly medicine, may their hearts be healed of all infirmities, and their wills strengthened against all relapses.

May all who by faith adore Thee here present beneath the sacred veils, hereafter behold Thee face to face, and be glad evermore with the joy of Thy countenance.

May it please Thee to enable those who work for Thee to labour with zeal, with self-sacrifice, and with success, for the salvation of precious souls.

May it please Thee to guide by Thine indwelling SPIRIT, those who are in doubt as to their vocation, and to give them courage to embrace it, when it is made known to them.

May it please Thee to preserve all those who are in special temptation, and keep them true to Thee.

May it please Thee to encourage all drooping hearts; and to turn the hearts of such as are rejoicing to rejoice in Thee.

May it please Thee to guard and direct all travellers, giving Thy holy angels charge concerning them, to keep them in all their ways.

May it please Thee to bless all family life, to direct all parents in their sacred task, and to give to all children a filial fear of Thee, and an ardent love of Thy holy name.

May it please Thee to draw to the waters of regeneration those who as yet are unbaptized, and to perfect in all hearts the work of Thy baptismal grace by the unction and seal of Thy HOLY SPIRIT.

May it please Thee to prosper with Thy blessing all schools and orphanages, and to make them fruitful nurseries of good and holy souls.

May it please Thee to endue all the members of religious communities with entire devotion, unwearied zeal, and perfect charity; increase their number, and strengthen Thou their hands.

May it please Thee to bless the work of all guilds and societies, which exist for Thy glory and the good of souls.

O Merciful FATHER, hear us for Thy dear SON our SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST'S sake.

O blessed LORD JESUS CHRIST, draw us that we may run after Thee.

O GOD the HOLY GHOST, one with the FATHER and the SON, purify, quicken, and help us. Amen.

✠ The grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and the love of GOD, and the fellowship of the HOLY GHOST, be with us all evermore. Amen.

TUESDAY.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in GOD, believe also in Me.

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.

S. John xiv. 1, 27.

There is no principle of the heart that is more acceptable to GOD, than an universal fervent love to all mankind, wishing and praying for their happiness; because there is no principle of the heart that makes us more like GOD, Who is love and goodness itself, and created all beings for their enjoyment of happiness.

W. LAW, *A Serious Call*, ch. xx.

He prayeth best, who loveth best
All things both great and small;
For the dear GOD Who loveth us,
He made and loveth all.

COLERIDGE, *Ancient Mariner*.

TUESDAY.

SCHEME.

The Kingdom of God, Temporal.

NATIONS, STATES, AND RULERS.	Our own. Foreign. Our King.
GOVERNMENTS.	Parliaments. Ministries. Convocations and Synods. Armies and Navies.
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.	Judges. Magistrates. Police. Local Government.
TRADE.	Commerce. Agriculture. Manufactures. Handicrafts. Clerks.
SOCIAL CLASSES.	Employers. Employed. The Rich. The Poor.
LEARNING.	Dwellings. Universities. Schools.
PROFESSIONS.	Art. Music. Drama. Literature. Science.

General.

LET Thy mercy, O GOD, extend to the whole race of mankind. Bring all nations to the knowledge and belief of Thy true religion (. . .); and to those who profess it already, give Thy heavenly grace, that they may strive to adorn their holy profession by a suitable life and conversation. Be favourable and gracious to this land. Endue all orders and degrees of men amongst us, and especially our governours in Church and state, with those graces and virtues, which may enable them to discharge their several trusts in such a manner, as will be most for Thine honour and glory, and for the peace and prosperity of this Church and nation.

OUR FATHER . . . **7.** Almighty and . . .

COLLECTS.

For the Realm.

BLESS, we beseech Thee, merciful LORD, our country and all its colonies and dependencies. Give Thine abundant grace to our King and to all who bear office throughout the realm, that in all things we may be governed righteously and in Thy fear; and grant to us not only such outward prosperity as is according to Thy will, but above all things, such virtue and true religion that Thy holy name may be ever glorified in the midst of us; through.

LORD, bless this kingdom,
that religion and virtue may season all sorts of men:
that there may be peace within the gates,
and plenty within the palaces of it.
In peace I beseech Thee so to preserve it
that it corrupt not:
in war so defend it that it suffer not:
in plenty so order it that it riot not:
in want so pacify and moderate it
that it may patiently and peaceably seek Thee,
the only full supply both of men and states.
That so it may continue a place and a people
to do Thee service to the end of time.

In Time of Trouble or Humiliation.

WE beseech Thee, Almighty GOD, of Thy manifold and great mercy to turn away the heavy wrath of Thy displeasure from this Thy people and Thy holy habitation, for we have sinned against Thee. Alleluia.

For Rulers.

O GOD of infinite mercy, remember all Sovereign Rulers; preserve their persons in health and honour; their crowns in wealth and dignity; their

kingdoms in peace and plenty; the Churches under their protection in piety and knowledge, and a strict and holy religion: keep them perpetually in Thy fear and favour, and crown them with glory and immortality.

O GOD, Who hast taught us to make supplications unto Thee for kings and all who are in authority, look mercifully upon all such for whom we are bound to pray, and grant that under their governance we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty; through.

For the King.

O GOD of all kingdoms, Who art guardian especially of every christian realm, grant to Thy servant George our King to triumph over every foe, that as he hath been consecrated to rule by Thy divine providence, so by Thy protection he may long reign in supremacy and peace: through.

For Representative Bodies of Government.

O GOD, Who gavest Thy HOLY SPIRIT to the elders of Thy people Israel, give wisdom to all bodies of men unto whom Thou hast entrusted the government of Thy servants, especially to the parliament of our realm, the ministers of the crown, and the convocations and synods of the Church: that they may faithfully execute what Thy divine providence has ordained for the good of the world and the extension of Thy kingdom.

The Army and Navy.

O LORD of Hosts, bless our soldiers and sailors, keep them pure and loyal amid all their temptations; and grant that all their operations may tend to

peace on earth: that war being done away, they may fight only in their christian conflict against sin, the world, and the devil, and triumph therein by Thy victorious might, O LORD, Thou GOD of Hosts.

For Sailors.

27. O Eternal LORD GOD, Who alone spreadest out the heavens . . .

Administration of Justice.

O JUDGE of all, let Thine eternal justice be meted out in every court of law: cause quarrelling to cease and make all men reverence law, and live in harmony and obedience, as those who shall one day stand before Thine awful judgment seat: may we find mercy then of Thee, O righteous Judge and patient.

For Commerce.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, enlighten all merchants and tradesmen (. . .) with the gift of the HOLY SPIRIT, that they may consider not what the world would sanction, but what Thy law demands. Prosper with Thy blessing all who are thus striving to regulate their dealings by the rule of truth and love; and if difficulty compass them in the world, quicken Thou within them such a desire of laying up treasure in heaven, as may cause them with an entire satisfaction to accept Thy perfect will, teaching them so to use earthly things, that they may become partakers of the true riches which cannot fail; through.

For Agriculture.

HAVE mercy, O LORD, upon all those who labour in the cultivation of the earth, and grant that by the power of Thy grace their own souls may be made fruitful unto all good works; through.

Manufacture and Handicraft.

O BLESSED SAVIOUR, Who wast pleased Thyself to be reckoned among the craftsmen, bless all those who labour with their hands, that their work may be done for Thy honour, and rewarded with Thy approval.

Clerks.

O MASTER, Who hast bid all men occupy till Thou come to take account with Thy servants, make all who are in positions of worldly trust to be faithful in the execution of them, that in the end when they render up their account unto Thee, they may enter into the joy of Thee their LORD; Who.

For Employers and Employed.

O GOD, Who art the FATHER of all mankind, we beseech Thee to give us a fuller realization of our brotherhood, man with man, in Thee; and to raise up among us a deeper sense of truth and equity in commercial dealings one with another; for the sake.

GIVE grace, O LORD, to servants that they may do their work heartily as unto Thee and not unto men: to masters that they may do what is just and equal, as having themselves a Master in heaven: to all that they may be united in the common service of the LORD CHRIST, and receive of Thee the reward of the inheritance; through the same.

For the Rich.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who for our sake didst become poor, we pray Thee to protect them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in Thee, the living GOD, Who givest us richly all things to enjoy. Grant them grace so to use their wealth, that they may do good, and be rich in good works, ready to distribute,

and willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

For the Poor.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who hast pronounced a blessing upon the poor, grant that none may forfeit it nor miss Thy heavenly kingdom; but reward them both here and hereafter with heavenly riches which never fail.

For our Homes.

O GOD, to Whom belongeth all power and might: we pray Thee to raise our villages from the degradation of sin; to cleanse our towns from all impurity, drunkenness, and gambling. Instil into those who own land or houses an earnest desire to banish therefrom all occasions of sin and of vice, that the weak may be protected, the struggling assisted, the godly encouraged, and the faithful increased; through.

Education.

DIRECT, O LORD, the work of Education, and guide all those to whom Thou hast entrusted it, that in their various stations they may do Thee hearty service, and, their task completed, they may render up their account with joy; through.

For our Universities.

PRESERVE our Universities, O LORD, as the bulwarks of Thy Church, and root out from them whatever is contrary to faith and morals; but chiefly revive in them such a spirit of devotion, that they may send forth many to the work of Thy Church at home and abroad, loving Thee with a pure love, and resolved to offer themselves a sacrifice to Thee in winning others to Thy love; through.

For Schools.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Child of Bethlehem, everlasting GOD, bless, we beseech Thee, the boys and girls of . . . schools, to the end that they may be truthful, pure, obedient, and ready to do their duty in that state of life to which it shall please Thee to call them. Give also to those whom Thou hast set over them grace so to bring them up for Thee, that teachers and scholars may meet with joy in the day of Thy appearing: Who livest.

Architects, Painters, and Sculptors.

O THOU Who art altogether lovely and fairest among the sons of men, reveal Thy beauty to all who are engaged in works of art, and natural representation; and sanctify the work of their calling, so that Thou Thyself mayest be revealed in them, and they may wake up hereafter in Thy likeness.

Musicians and Actors.

O HOLY GHOST, distributor of all good gifts, Who knowest the dangers attendant upon each, protect all those whom Thou hast endowed with rich artistic talents; that with purity, sobriety, and diligence, they may use what Thou hast given them so as to enrich the world and glorify Thee, the Giver.

Literature and Science.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who in divers measures hast inspired men to study and record the revelations of Thy truth, direct the labours of scientists, authors, and journalists towards the advancement of truth, the furtherance of righteousness, and the deepening of holiness among all whom they influence; through.

LITANY.

Ps. lxv. 5. O THOU Hope of all the ends of the earth,
Remember Thy whole creation for good,
Visit the world in Thy compassion.

Job vii. 20. O Thou preserver of men, O loving LORD,
Remember all our race,
And have mercy upon all.

Ps. xlvii. 7. O King of all nations, throughout the world,
Strengthen all the states of the inhabited world, as being Thine appointment, though an ordinance of man.

1 S. Peter ii. 13.
Ps. lxviii. 30. Scatter the nations that delight in war.
Ps. xlvi. 9. Make wars to cease in all the world.

Is. li. 5. O Thou Expectation and hope of the isles,
Save this island, and every country wherein we dwell, from all affliction, peril, and necessity.

Rev. xix. 16. O King of kings and LORD of lords,
Remember all rulers to whom Thou hast given authority in the earth.
Remember our King and his ministers.
Work with them ever more and more.
Speak good things unto their hearts, on behalf of Thy Church, and all Thy people.

Rom. xiii. 1. O Thou Who ordainest the powers that be,
Grant to those who are chief in court and council, to be chief also in virtue and in Thy holy fear.
Grant to the parliament and convocations Thy holy wisdom.

2 Cor. xiii. 8. To our great men, to do nothing against the truth, but all things for the truth.

To the courts of law, Thy judgments and righteousness, to judge in all things concerning all without preference and without partiality. 1 Tim. v. 21.

O LORD GOD of hosts, Ps. lxxx. 7.
Give a prosperous course and strength to all the Christian army, against the enemies of our most holy Faith.

O GOD of knowledge, 1 Sam. ii. 3.
Remember all who are in Universities, in Inns of Court, in Medical Schools, in Schools in town or country, all students of whatever kind, all in apprenticeships.

O GOD, the FATHER of all mankind,
Grant to our population to be subject unto the higher powers, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. Rom. xiii. 1, 5
Grant to farmers and graziers good seasons,
to the fleet and fishermen fair weather,
to merchants and tradesmen not to overreach one another,
to capitalists, mechanics, and labourers to pursue their business lawfully.
Remember, O GOD, those who are in factories, in mines, in occupations of danger and trial of whatever kind.
Voyage with the voyagers,
Travel with the travellers.

O GOD, not of us only but also of our seed,
Bless our children among us, that they may advance in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with Thee and with men. S. Luke ii. 52.

Remember, O LORD our GOD, all spirits and all flesh whom we have remembered, and those whom we have not; for JESUS CHRIST'S sake.
Amen

WEDNESDAY.

The harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the LORD of the harvest, that He send forth labourers into His harvest.

S. Luke x. 2.

Desire of Me, and I shall give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance: and the utmost parts of the earth for Thy possession.

Ps. ii. 8.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Ps. cxxii. 6.

A Christian who is not really in heart and will a missionary is not a Christian at all. Missionary effort is not a speciality of a few Christians, though, like every other part of Christian life, it has its special organs. It is an essential, never to be forgotten, part of all true Christian living, and thinking, and praying. . . . Come, then, O breath of the Divine SPIRIT, and breathe upon the dead bones of the Christian Churches that forget that they are evangelists of the nations, that they may live and stand upon their feet, an exceeding great army, an army with banners.

Bp. GORE, *Epistle to Ephesians*, p. 139.

WEDNESDAY.

SCHEME.

The Extension of the Kingdom.

AT HOME.	
AMONG CHRISTIANS.	Increase of Clergy.
	Increase of Lay Workers.
	Mission Zeal in all Christians.
	Home Missions.
EVANGELISTIC EFFORTS.	Parochial Missions.
	Jews.
RELIGIOUS TRAINING.	Catechumens.
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ABROAD.	General.
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OUR COLONIES.	Isolated and uncared for.
	Persecuted.
	Our countrymen abroad.
	A Native Ministry.
	The Consummation.

General.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD, Who art LORD both of the living and of the dead, and pitiest all those whom Thou dost foreknow to be Thine by faith and works; we humbly entreat Thee, that they in whose behalf we have set ourselves to pray, both those whom the world still holdeth in the flesh, and those already delivered from the body, whom the world to come hath received, may by Thy goodness and mercy be counted worthy to obtain pardon of their sins and everlasting happiness, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

OUR FATHER . . .

For the Increase of Clergy.

ALMIGHTY GOD, look mercifully upon the world redeemed by the blood of Thy dear SON: and send forth many more to do the work of the ministry, that perishing souls may be rescued, and Thy glorious triumph may be hastened by the perfecting of Thine elect; through.

Increase of Lay Workers.

O BLESSED JESUS, LORD of the harvest, we pray Thee send forth labourers into Thy harvest, and by Thy HOLY SPIRIT stir the hearts of many, that they may be ready to spend and be spent in Thy service; and, if it please Thee, so to lose their life in this world, that they may gather fruit unto life eternal, O LORD, Thou lover of souls.

18. Stir up, we beseech Thee, O LORD . . .

For Missionary Zeal in Christians.

O LORD our SAVIOUR, Who hast warned us that Thou wilt require much of those to whom much is given; Grant that we, whose lot Thou hast cast in so goodly a heritage, may strive together the more abundantly by prayer, by almsgiving, and by every other appointed means, to extend to others what we so richly enjoy; and as we have entered into the labours of other men, so to labour that, in their turn, other men may enter into ours, to the fulfilling of Thy holy will, and our everlasting salvation.

Or,

LORD, Who didst bid Thy seraph purge the prophet's lips with fire from off the altar, that so he might be free to preach Thy word unto the people, whether they would hear or whether they would forbear; give Thy priests and people within the Catholic Church pure and wise hearts, that so they may desire to go whither Thou dost send them, and to do that which Thou dost will, in the power of Him through Whom we can do all things, even Thy blessed SON JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

Home Missions.

O EVER-BLESSED SAVIOUR and Redeemer JESUS, the bright and morning star, Who alone canst give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death: shine with Thy bright radiance upon all those in whose hearts Thou hast not yet arisen; dispel the clouds of darkness with the brightness of Thy presence; let the shadows of earth flee away, and do Thou appear with healing in Thy wings. Enlighten our eyes that we sleep not in the death of sin, but arise and shine with the light of Thy divine love: O ever-blessed SAVIOUR and Redeemer JESUS.

Parochial Missions.

O GOD the FATHER of heaven, have mercy upon us miserable sinners, and bless all the work of parochial missions. Seek and save the lost; convert the sinful; teach the ignorant; help the weak; strengthen the godly; and look with pity upon us all.

For the Jews.

O GOD, the GOD of Abraham, look upon Thine everlasting covenant, and cause the captivity of Judah and Israel to return. They are Thy people, O be Thou their SAVIOUR; that all who love Jerusalem and mourn for her may rejoice with her; for JESUS CHRIST'S sake, their SAVIOUR and ours.

For Catechumens.

(Grown.)

ALMIGHTY everlasting GOD, Who dost ever enrich Thy Church with new offspring; Grant to all catechumens such increase in understanding and faith, that they may be born again in Holy Baptism, and made Thy children by adoption and grace; through.

(Children.)

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty GOD, that all who are dedicated to Thee in Holy Baptism may have power and strength to have victory and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh; that so, being endued with heavenly virtues, they may through Thy mercy be everlastingly rewarded.

Confirmation Candidates.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty GOD, that the radiance of Thy brightness may shine forth upon them; that the beams of Thy light, by the inspiration of Thy HOLY SPIRIT, may confirm their hearts and renew them by Thy grace.

Home Reunion.

O GOD, the FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, our only SAVIOUR, the Prince of Peace: give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that as there is but one body and one spirit, and one hope of our calling, one LORD, one faith, one baptism, one GOD and FATHER of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee; through.

17. LORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy household the Church .

11. Grant, O LORD, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world

Foreign Missions.

O GOD, Who by Thy SON JESUS CHRIST, didst charge Thine apostles to preach the gospel to every creature, prosper, we pray Thee, all missions of the Church (*especially* . . .). Send forth labourers into Thy vineyard, and bestow upon them all things needful for their work. Grant them wisdom in difficulties, help in trouble, the sense of Thy presence in loneliness, and, if it be Thy will, visible success after labour, that Thy holy name may be glorified ; through.

Missionary Agents.

This I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment ; that ye may make proof of things that are excellent : that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of CHRIST ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by JESUS CHRIST, unto the glory and praise of GOD.

For the Heathen.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and didst send Thy blessed SON to preach peace to them that are far off, and to them that are nigh ; grant that all the people who sit in darkness and the shadow of death may feel after Thee and find Thee ; and hasten, O LORD, the fulfilment of Thy promise to pour out Thy SPIRIT upon all flesh ; through.

O GOD of all the nations of the earth, remember the multitudes of the heathen, who, though created in Thine image, are perishing in darkness and ignorance, and grant that by the prayers and labours of Thy holy Church they may be delivered from all superstitions and unbelief, and brought to worship Thee, the One True GOD, through Him Whom Thou hast sent to be our salvation, Thy SON, JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

For a Special Mission.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD, Who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, we commend to Thy Fatherly care all whom Thou hast called to take part in the work for which we are specially desired to pray. Watch over them, we beseech Thee, for good; defend them from all dangers both of body and soul; let Thy HOLY SPIRIT rule their hearts; give Thine angels charge concerning them; and prosper their work to the glory of Thy holy name; through.

Isolated and uncared for.

O JESU, SAVIOUR of the world, have pity on those who know Thee not, on those who have forgotten Thee, and on those who are far from the Church of their fathers in a strange land. Visit them with Thy salvation; hasten, we pray Thee, Thy kingdom; that the earth may be filled with the knowledge of Thy glory, as the waters cover the sea. And may these our prayers be acceptable in Thy sight, O LORD our strength and our Redeemer.

Persecuted.

GRANT, O LORD, to Thy persecuted servants, that their conversation may be as it becometh the gospel of CHRIST; that they may stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; that in nothing terrified by their adversaries

they may be bold in the behalf of CHRIST, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake; Who liveth.

For our Countrymen abroad.

KEEP, we beseech Thee, O LORD, our brethren who are dwelling in foreign lands; protect them from the dangers which surround them, and supply them with the means of grace. Make them steadfast in Thy ways, pure and holy in their lives. Preserve them from the sin of offending Thy little ones which believe in Thee, and from causing Thy word to be blasphemed among the heathen; grant that they may shine as lights in the world, and adorn the doctrine of GOD our SAVIOUR in all things.

5. We beseech Thee, Almighty GOD, mercifully to look . . .

For a Native Ministry.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who dost choose whom Thou wilt to minister in Thy name, raise up, we pray Thee, a devout native Christian ministry to serve before Thee, to the glory of Thy holy name, the increase of Thy kingdom, and the salvation of many souls; Who livest.

The Consummation of the End.

O GOD of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on Thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tranquil operation of Thy perpetual providence carry out the work of man's salvation: and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up: that those which had grown old are being made new; and that all things are returning to perfection, through Him from Whom they took their origin, even our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

O LORD, make bare Thy holy arm in the eyes of all the nations, that all the ends of the world may see Thy salvation; show forth Thy righteousness openly in the sight of the heathen, that the kingdom of Thy CHRIST may be established over all mankind; hasten the coming of the end when He shall deliver up the kingdom unto Thee, and having put down all rule, and authority, and power, and put all things under His feet, He Himself shall be subject unto Thee, and with Thee in the unity of the HOLY GHOST, Three persons in one GOD, shall be our all in all.

8. O Merciful GOD, Who hast made all men, and hatest . . .

32. Almighty GOD, with Whom do live . . .

LITANY.

LORD, I pray for the extension of Thy kingdom:

Ps. lxvii. 2. That Thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations.

I pray for the peace which is from above:

S. Luke i. 79. That they that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death
may be guided into the way of peace.

For all sinners, both careless and wilful:

2 S. Tim. ii. 26. That they who are taken captive by the devil
may recover themselves out of his snare.

I pray for Thy ancient people Israel:

Ps. cii. 13. Wilt Thou not arise
and have mercy upon Zion?
For it is time that Thou have mercy upon her,
Yea, the time is come.

For Christians who are Christians only in name:

Is. lxiii. 17 LORD, why hast Thou made them to err from Thy ways,
and hardened their heart from Thy fear?
Return for Thy servants' sake,
for they are Thine.

I pray for all aggressive Mission work:

Is. lxiv. 1. Oh that Thou wouldest rend the heavens,
that Thou wouldest come down,
to make Thy name known to Thine adversaries,
that all people may tremble at Thy presence.

For more workers, both clergy and laity:

Look with compassion upon the multitudes that are scattered abroad,
and upon the sheep that have no shepherd. S. Matt. ix. 36.

Gather them out of all countries
and bring them into Thy fold,
and set up shepherds over them
which shall feed them;
that they may be fruitful and increase,
and be no more lacking. Jer. xxiii. 3.

I pray for more Mission zeal among Christians;

Give us the heart to desire and pray for all men, that they may be saved,
and to be eager ourselves to spend and be spent in Thy service. Rom. x. 1. 2 Cor. xii. 15.

I pray especially for the conversion of the heathen:

Look down, O LORD, from Thy sanctuary,
From Thy heaven behold the whole earth:
hear Thou the mourning
of such as are in captivity,
deliver the children appointed unto death,
that the heathen may fear Thy name, O LORD,
and all the kingdoms of the earth Thy majesty. Ps. cii. 19.

I pray for all new converts:

That they may continue in the faith,
grounded and settled,
and not be moved away
from the hope of the gospel. Col. i. 23.

For all hearers of Thy word:

O LORD GOD of our fathers,
keep this for ever in the imagination
of the thoughts of their heart,
and prepare their heart unto Thee. 1 Chron. xxix. 18.

For the removal of all obstacles:

2 Cor. ii. 12. That a door may be opened
for the preaching of the gospel.

I pray for the unity of Christendom:

Eph. iv. 1. That all may walk worthily
of their Christian vocation,
endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit
in the bond of peace and loving forbearance.

Finally to Thee, O GOD of sure mercies,
I pray for the consummation of salvation
according to Thy eternal purpose
in CHRIST JESUS our LORD,

Eph. i. 3. I pray Thee to accomplish speedily
the mystery of the good pleasure of Thy will.
Come quickly, and gather together in one
all things in CHRIST.

Is. xxxv. 3. Strengthen the weak hands,
confirm the feeble knees:
let the eyes of the blind be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
let waters of life break out in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
cast up the highway there,
the way called "The way of holiness,"
that the ransomed of the LORD
may return and come to Zion
with songs of gladness and everlasting joy.

THURSDAY.

And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to-morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of GOD in mine hand. So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

Ex. xvii. 9–11.

Pray for my soul, more things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me day and night.
For what are men better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If, knowing GOD, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them friend?
For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of GOD.

TENNYSON, *Passing of Arthur.*

Thrice blest whose lives are faithful prayers,
Whose loves in higher love endure;
What souls possess themselves so pure,
Or is there blessedness like theirs?

TENNYSON.

THURSDAY.

SCHEME.

Personal Claims.

INDIVIDUALS.	Relations. Friends. Associates, Past and Present. Enemies. Benefactors, Spiritual and Temporal. Servants.
DIOCESES. OUR OWN. OTHER SPECIAL ONES.	Bishops. Cathedrals. Diocesan Organisations. Clergy. Churches. Parochial Organisations.
PARISHES. OUR OWN. OTHER SPECIAL ONES.	Sunday Schools, Teachers and taught, Choir, Bell-ringers, Guilds, Communicants, Subscribers.

General.

BLESS, I beseech Thee, all my relations, all my friends, and neighbours; and especially let the hand of Thy blessing rest upon those most dear to me (. . .). Bless, O LORD, I earnestly pray Thee, my *(husband, or wife, or parent, or children, &c., &c.)*, all those who are in any wise committed to my care, and all who remember me in their prayers, or desire to be remembered in mine (. . .); grant them health of soul and body; preserve them from sin and error; make them Thy faithful servants; and defend them evermore with Thy heavenly grace; through.

OUR FATHER . . .

COLLECTS.

For my Parents (living).

ALMIGHTY GOD, FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, of Whom the whole family in heaven and in earth is named; I give Thee most humble thanks for that Thou didst of Thy divine providence vouchsafe to let me be born of Christian parents, by whose care I was first brought into Thy holy baptism, and afterwards brought up in Thy holy religion. I beseech Thee, O blessed GOD, Who art the rewarder of every good work, to recompense them their full reward, even out of the riches of Thy bounty and goodness. Give them peace and plenty; defend them from all dangers, both of body and soul: keep them in the steadfastness of Thy faith and in the obedience of Thy holy commandments; that so having Thee their merciful and gentle FATHER, after many days here in this life, they may at last be brought unto life everlasting.

For my Parents (departed).

O LORD, Who hast commanded us to honour our parents, have mercy on the souls of my father and mother: vouchsafe them the forgiveness of their sins, and grant that we may be united together in the joy of the light of life everlasting; through.

Brothers and Sisters.

O GOD, Who by the grace of the HOLY SPIRIT hast spread abroad the gifts of love in the hearts of Thy faithful people; grant unto Thy servants, my brothers and sisters, for whom I entreat Thy favour,

health of soul and body, that they may love Thee with their whole strength, and may accomplish in all love that which is well-pleasing unto Thee ; through.

For my Wife.

O GOD, Who hast ordained holy marriage as a great mystery, bless her whom Thou hast ordained to be my partner in that holy estate ; let nothing separate us from each other's love, nor, above all, from Thine, both here and hereafter ; through.

For my Husband.

GRANT, O LORD, that nothing upon my part may hinder the good desires which Thou hast put into my husband's heart, but enable me rather to soothe him in perplexity, to cheer him in difficulty, to refresh him in weariness, and, as far as may be, to advise him in doubt ; that my fellowship may be no impediment to the development within him of every Christian grace, but our united prayers may ascend acceptably before Thee ; through.

For my Children.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, for JESUS CHRIST'S sake, the SON of Thy love, direct and bless all my endeavours for the good of my children ; and grant that I may not become their enemy by any evil example, or by the neglect of any part of my duty to them. Grant them, I beseech Thee, healthful bodies, and imprint on their souls in the days of their youth a deep sense of the love and fear that is due to Thee, their Creator. Preserve them from the temptations of an evil world, and endue them with sound principles of virtue, religion, and holiness : and be Thou, O GOD, their FATHER and their portion in this world and in the world to come.

Or,

BLESS my children with healthful bodies, with good understandings, with the graces and gifts of Thy SPIRIT, with sweet dispositions and holy habits; and sanctify them throughout in their bodies, and souls, and spirits, and keep them unblameable to the coming of the LORD JESUS.

Or,

O GOD, Who hast been pleased to commit to my charge some of Thine own children, bought with the blood of Thy dear SON; teach me ever to bear in mind how great a treasure is given to my care: lead them in the way of salvation, and knit us together in Thy love, Who art GOD for ever and world without end.

Godchildren.

MERCIFUL FATHER, regard with Thy tender love and favour Thy children . . . for whom I am specially bound to pray. Grant that, as they have been admitted by baptism into the fellowship of Thy Church, so they may evermore grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. Preserve them from temptations (*especially* . . .), teach them Thy truth; and grant that with earnest devotion they may give their hearts to Thee; through.

23. We yield Thee hearty thanks, most merciful FATHER that it hath . . .

For Relations and Friends.

MERCIFUL FATHER, I beseech Thee to bestow Thy special blessing upon all my kinsfolk and friends (. . .). Prosper them, if it please Thee, in their worldly affairs; support and guide them in all trials and difficulties; advance them daily in Thy faith and love, and bring them hereafter to Thy heavenly joys; through.

For Friends.

BE pleased, O LORD, to remember my friends, all that have prayed for me, and all that have done me good (*especially . . .*). Do Thou good to them, and return all their kindness double into their own bosom, rewarding them with blessings, and sanctifying them with Thy graces, and bringing them to glory.

Living.

O GOD the FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, of Whom every family in heaven and earth is named, grant unto my friends (*especially . . .*) that, according to the riches of Thy glory, they may be strengthened with might by Thy SPIRIT in the inner man, that CHRIST may dwell in their hearts by faith; that they, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all Saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height, and to know the love of CHRIST which passeth knowledge, that they be filled with all the fulness of GOD.

Departed.

O LORD, we most meekly beseech Thee for this Thy servant, that receiving of Thee the absolution from all *his* sins which *he* hath committed in this world, *he* may escape the gates of hell and the pains of eternal darkness: that *he* may for ever dwell with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, in the region of light and Thy blessed presence, where there is neither weeping nor heaviness: and that when the dreadful day of the general judgment shall come, *he* may rise again with the just and receive this body, which now must lie buried in the earth, to be joined with *his* soul, and be made pure and incorruptible for ever after in Thy glorious kingdom; for the merits of Thy dear SON our SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.

For our Enemies.

O LORD, I beseech Thee forgive mine enemies all their sins against Thee, and give me that measure of Thy grace, that for their hatred I may love them; for their cursing I may bless them; for their injury I may do them good; for their persecution I may pray for them. LORD, I pray for them: forgive them, for they know not what they do.

Spiritual Benefactors.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who art the Giver of all good things, I praise Thee for Thy blessings vouchsafed to me by the hands of Thy servants (. . .). Perfect Thy work in their hearts according to the fulness of Thy love; and grant that I, keeping the grace which I have received through their instrumentality, may give them cause to rejoice with me in its growth; and that, by the manifold fruit of their ministrations, the thanksgivings of many may abound for them in the day of reward; through.

For a Priest.

The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble,
The name of the GOD of Jacob defend thee,
Send thee help from the sanctuary,
And strengthen thee out of Sion:
Remember all thy offerings,
And accept thy burnt sacrifice;
Grant thee thy heart's desire,
And fulfil all thy mind.

Temporal Benefactors.

O GOD, forasmuch as earthly love is but the image of Thine own eternal charity, be gracious unto those who have benefited me in various ways (*especially*

. . .). Let the good things of earth which I have acquired through their industry, care, wisdom, counsel, rise up before Thee as a memorial ; and do Thou reward them with the abundant riches of Thy grace, that the love which is begun on earth may be perfected in the glory of Thine own revelation, from Whom all true love comes, and in Whom it shall be consummated ; through.

For Servants.

O LORD, bless our servants and make them Thine. Give them grace to serve Thee first, and then to serve us with faithfulness and diligence, not pleasing us only, but as servants of CHRIST doing Thy will from the heart, and looking for their recompense in heaven.

For the Bishop.

O GOD, the Pastor and Ruler of Thy faithful servants, look down in mercy on Thy servant *N.* our Bishop, to whom Thou hast given charge over this diocese, and all other Bishops for whom we specially desire to pray (. . .). Do Thou evermore guide, defend, comfort, sanctify and save them ; and grant them by Thy grace so to advance in word and good example, that they may, with the flocks committed to them, attain to everlasting life ; through.

For the Cathedral and Diocese.

BLESSED SAVIOUR, Who feddest the hungry of old in companies upon the green grass, supply every need of Thy faithful company in this diocese : unite us in heavenly concord round the throne of our Bishop, with his circlet of priests and deacons ; that in joyful and hearty co-operation we may advance Thy kingdom by all that is done in Thy name among us.

Parochial Work.

O LORD JESUS, our Good Shepherd, guard and protect the many sheep-folds of Thy flock. Avert the evil wolf from without, and the hireling pastor from within; that Thy sheep may heed no voice but Thine, but following Thee whithersoever Thou callest them, may be gathered into the one fold under Thee, the One Shepherd Who once layedst down Thy life for the sheep, but now livest and reignest, GOD for evermore.

For Churches.

O GOD, Who dwellest not in temples made with hands, but yet dost not disdain the earthly habitations which Thou hast taught us to dedicate to Thee; let the glory of Thy presence rest upon them, that we may both meet Thee there, and hear Thee speaking from Thy mercy seat; in the joy of Thy fellowship may we offer willingly of our substance, that Thy house may be exceeding magnifical, and worship Thee there in the beauty of holiness with whole burnt offerings of obedience and devotion.

For the Parish.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD, Who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of us Thy servants, and grant unto this parish [and . . .] all things that are needful for its spiritual welfare:

Schools wherein to bring up the young in Thy faith and fear,
Ministers to labour in this portion of Thy vineyard,
A church restored to the beauty of holiness.

Strengthen and increase the faithful: visit and relieve the sick: turn and soften the wicked: rouse the careless: recover the fallen: restore the penitent: remove all hindrances to the advancement of Thy truth: bring us

all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of Thy holy Church, to the honour and glory of Thy holy name: through.

For Church Workers.

O LORD, without Whom our labour is but lost, and with Whom Thy little ones go forth as the mighty, be present to bless all the works in this parish (and . . .) which are undertaken according to Thy will (. . .); and grant to Thy labourers a pure intention, patient faith, sufficient success upon earth, and the bliss of serving Thee in heaven; through.

District Visitors.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD, look mercifully upon Thy servants who visit the poor; that guarded by Thy protection, and kept by Thy power, they may carry on their work for Thee with joy for many years to come; through.

For the Choir.

O EVERLASTING JESUS, Who art ever adored by the angels, but dost vouchsafe to receive the praises of men; hear our prayers, we beseech Thee, on behalf of the men and boys of our choir (. . .); give them purity of life, sincerity of heart, and true reverence; that what they sing with their lips may be acceptable to Thee, and tend to the honour and glory of Thy name; Who with.

LITANY.

Ps. lxv. 5. O THOU Hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea;

Ps. xxii. 5. O Thou on Whom our fathers hoped, and Thou didst deliver them;

In Whom they put their trust, and were not confounded;

Ps. cxlii. 5. Be Thou the hope of all who are dear to me, and their portion in the land of the living.

1 S. Tim. v. 8. Thou Who wouldest have every man provide for his own house, and Who hatest the unnatural,

Rom. ix. 3. Remember, LORD, my kinsmen according to the flesh; grant me to speak peace concerning them, and to seek their good.

Thou Who willest us to make return to our benefactors,

Remember, LORD, for good, all from whom I have received good;

Ps. xli. 2. Preserve them and keep them alive, that they may be blessed upon earth,

And deliver them not over unto the will of their enemies.

1 S. Tim. v. 8. Thou Who hast accounted the man who neglects his own house as worse than an infidel,

S. Luke x. 5. Remember in Thy good pleasure all those in *my* household. Peace be to *my* house; the SON of peace rest upon all in it.

S. Matt. v. 20. Thou Who wouldest that our righteousness should exceed the righteousness of sinners,

S. Matt. v. 46. Grant me, LORD, to love those who love me,

Prov. xxvii. 10. my own friends, and my father's friends, and never to forsake my friends' children.

Rom. xii. 21. Thou Who wouldest that we should overcome

S. Matt. v. 44. evil with good, and pray for those who persecute us,

Have pity on mine enemies, LORD, as on myself; and bring them together with me to Thy heavenly kingdom.

Thou Who grantest the prayers of Thy servants one for another,
Remember, LORD, for good, and pity all those who remember me in their prayers, all those whom I have promised to remember in mine.

Thou Who acceptest a willing mind in every good work, 2 Cor. viii. 12.
Remember, LORD, as if they prayed to Thee, those who for any good reason have no leisure for prayer.

O Thou wholesome defence of Thine anointed, Ps. xxviii. 8.
Think upon Thy congregation whom Thou hast purchased and redeemed of old, Ps. lxxiv. 2.
that the multitude of believers may be of one heart and one soul. Acts iv. 32.

O Thou LORD of the harvest,
Set in order the things that are wanting; S. Titus i. 5.
strengthen the things which remain that are like to die, and send forth labourers into Thy vineyard. Rev. iii. 2. S. Matt. ix. 38.

O Thou portion of all Thy faithful worshippers, Ps. xvi. 6.
Grant to the clergy rightly to divide the word of truth, to the laity to reverence them that watch for their souls. 2 S. Tim. ii. 15. Heb. xiii. 17.

I commend to Thee
those who have a claim on me,
my kindred and my neighbours,
my country and all Christendom.

I commend to Thee, LORD, our impulses and our startings, our intentions and our attempts, our going out and our coming in, our sitting down and our rising up, from this time forth for evermore. Amen.

FRIDAY.

And this is the boldness which we have toward Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us: and if we know that He heareth us whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions which we have asked of Him. If any man see his brother sinning a sin not unto death, he shall ask, and GOD will give him life for them that sin not unto death.

1 *S. John* v. 14–16.

The privilege of intercession is a trust committed to all Christians who have a clear conscience, and are in full communion with the Church.

By words and works we can but teach or influence a few; by our prayers we may benefit the whole world, and every individual of it, high and low, friend, stranger, and enemy. Is it not fearful then to look back on our past lives even in this one respect?

How can we answer to ourselves for the souls who have, in our time, lived and died in sin . . . or those again who have died with but doubtful signs of faith, the death-bed penitent, the worldly, the double-minded, the ambitious, the unruly, the trifling, the self-willed, seeing that, for what we know, we were ordained to influence or reverse their present destiny, and have not done it?

NEWMAN, *Parochial Sermons*, xxiv.

FRIDAY.

SCHEME.

Rebels in the Kingdom.

SINNERS.	Wilful. Impenitent. Lapsed. Careless. Ungodly. Ignorant. Worldly. Proud. Cruel and Tyrannical. Impure. Liars. Passionate. Intemperate.
ENEMIES OF CHRIST'S CHURCH.	Unbelieving. Double-minded. Heresy. Schism. Faction. Undenominationalism.
PRISONS.	Prisoners. Condemned to die.
INSTITUTIONS.	Penitentiaries. Reformatories.

General.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, we beseech Thee, by the power of Thy love even for the outcast sinners, by Thy strong pity for those who put Thee to an open shame; have mercy on all who have been unfaithful to Thee, and sold themselves to sin (*especially* . . .), and draw them back from the depths of shame into which they have fallen. Hear us, O SAVIOUR, Who with.

22. O LORD, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers . . .

OUR FATHER . . .

For Wilful Sinners.

O HOLY GHOST, Who reprovest the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment, shoot suddenly with a swift arrow and penetrate many hearts which are hardened in wilful sin; that they being wounded with a sharp thrust of contrition may no longer refuse to submit themselves to Thee in perfect penitence.

Impenitent.

O LORD GOD, Who shewest anger only with a view to mercy, and Who threatenest in order to spare; stretch forth Thy hand to the fallen, and in Thy manifold pity give help to the struggling: that those whom Thou hast redeemed may be kept by Thine aid in the glorious hope of life everlasting; through.

For the Lapsed.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who didst have mercy upon the race of man after the forfeiture of our original righteousness; have mercy, according to the fulness of Thy long-suffering, upon those who, having been once renewed by Thy compassion, are yet again fallen by their own frailty. Let Thy SPIRIT strive within them, and the remembrance of His former inspirations excite in them such hatred of their sin, and such vengeance against those earthly lusts by which they have been carried captive, that they may no longer hesitate to obey Thy divine call, but may cast themselves upon Thy mercy; and, returning again with penitence to the embrace of Thy love, may walk in the way of Thy commandments; through.

Careless.

REMEMBER, O loving LORD, all those that forget Thee: grant that they may consider their latter end and the coming of Thy fearful judgment, ere Thou pluck them away and there be none to deliver them.

Ungodly.

BREAK down, O LORD, the hostility of the ungodly and malicious, that they who make boast of their own heart's desires, and in their thoughts and their deeds deny Thee, may come in penitence to discern Thy judgments, and to acknowledge Thy wisdom, Thy power, and Thy love; through.

Ignorant.

O LORD, Thou GOD of knowledge, by Whom actions are weighed, have pity on all who know Thee not: let the arrogant talk no more so proudly, but bring Thou them low, that they may be lifted up: let the simple that stumbled be girded with strength and be made to inherit the throne of Thy glory: that all may know that there is none beside Thee, the rock of our salvation and the guardian of Thy saints, now and for evermore.

Worldly.

O LORD, Who hast promised a blessing to all who seek first Thy kingdom and the righteousness thereof; enlighten, we pray Thee, the hearts of those who are entangled among the things of this world; teach them, as men who are risen with Thee, so to set their affections on things above, that their life even now may be truly hid with Thee, O CHRIST, in GOD: with Whom in the unity of the HOLY GHOST Thou livest.

SHEW them, O LORD, the path of life, the fulness of joy in Thy holy presence, the eternal pleasures at Thy right hand; that they may set Thee always before themselves and have no good beyond Thee, the true portion of our inheritance and our GOD.

Proud.

HUMBLE, O LORD, the lofty looks of men, and bow Thou down their haughtiness; that they may not presume upon wealth or birth, the pride of position, of intellect or of attainments, but tremble before Thee for the glory of Thy majesty, and contend only in a rivalry of lowliness in Thy sight.

Cruel and Tyrannical.

LOOK down, O LORD, upon all the earth, that is full of darkness and habitations of cruelty: break the power of the oppressor and deliver his victims; and unite them together in a common submission to Thy most gentle and easy yoke, O LORD of tenderness and pity.

Purity.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who by Thy divine power hast given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness: grant that we fail not of Thine exceeding great and precious promises: but, escaping the corruption that is in the world through lust, may be made partakers of the divine nature: through the knowledge of Him that hath called us by glory and virtue, Thy SON JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

O GOD, the glory of the saints and the rewarder of the just, Who art above all and through all and in us all, Who acceptest the sacrifice of a contrite heart and the pure incense of our prayer: grant that we (and those for whom we pray) may be hallowed in heart, fervent in spirit, and chaste in body; that we may mortify the lusts of the world, and be enabled in purity of body and spirit to offer unto Thee an unceasing oblation of praise; through.

Liars.

O SPIRIT of truth, reprove and recover all those who sin by deceitful lips: that putting away lying they may speak every man truth with his neighbour, and bring all their words under the control of Thy holy inspiration.

Passionate.

O RIGHTEOUS Judge, provoked every day, but strong and patient and slow to anger; refrain the fierce wrath of passionate men, give gentleness to the irritable and meekness to the ill-tempered; that we, who have no hope but in Thy pardon and Thy mercy, may ourselves be slow to judge, slow to speak, and slow to wrath.

Quarrelsome.

GRANT unity, dear LORD, and a peaceful spirit to all who are tempted to be quarrelsome: that we may learn that we are members one of another, because all alike are members of Thee; Who livest.

The GOD of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one toward another, according to CHRIST JESUS our LORD.

Intemperate.

DELIVER our land, we beseech Thee, O LORD, from the crying sin of drunkenness, whereby it is so grievously defiled; and grant that they, who indulge in excess of drink, may have grace to check themselves, ere they have lost the power of self-control; and finding the unsatisfying nature of all earthly excitement, may come to hunger and thirst after righteousness, and attain to salvation; through.

Unbelievers.

O JESU, Word and Wisdom of the FATHER, Whom the natural heart cannot receive because it is corrupt and become abominable through wicked works, we beseech Thee for all those that are aliens to the faith, that they, by the power of Thy HOLY SPIRIT, may be made partakers of Thy heavenly knowledge, and rejoice with Thy people in the hope of Thy perfect vision in everlasting glory; through Thy mercy, O our GOD, Who livest and governest all things, blessed for evermore.

For the Double-minded.

O EVERLASTING GOD, Whose unchanging will is the law of all creation, have mercy upon those who are drawn aside from a holy persistence in the works of their calling, whether by a restless spirit of dissatisfaction or a desire of novelty (. . .); and grant that they, resolving to carry out Thy will, may be indifferent to outward circumstances, and steadfast in the execution of the charge committed to them; through.

Heresy and Schism.

O MOST blessed SAVIOUR JESUS, Who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life; bring back to the fold of Thy Church all those who are in error; instruct those who are in ignorance; and subdue the pride of man to the obedience of Thy holy laws. Let not Thy mysteries be sullied by the admixture of impure and heretical doctrines, nor Thy religion destroyed by the substitution of human fancy for Thy commandments; but grant that Thy truth may be so publicly maintained, constantly taught, humbly believed, and zealously practised by all men in their several stations, that we may dwell together in faith and charity, and glorify our FATHER which is in heaven; to Whom.

Faction.

HAVE mercy, O LORD, upon those who would stir up strife in any portion of Thy Church, and grant that they may abandon their self-will, and may return to unity and concord in humility and contentedness, according to the law of Thy most holy faith, and the brotherhood wherein we have been gathered; through.

Undenominationalism.

O GOD, Who hast revealed to us the whole gospel of salvation, and wouldest have all men go on unto perfection in the full knowledge of Thy revelation, have mercy on those who know only the bare elements thereof; and grant that they, laying aside prejudice, may strive to advance in the realization of Thy truth; and rising above human compromises may fully believe Thy divine teaching, and seek no other basis of Christian unity than the fulness of the faith once delivered to the saints.

Enemies of Religion.

O CHRIST, the SON of GOD, Who didst bear the revilings of unbelieving men when they carried Thee away to judgment; hear our prayer, and show Thy power, we beseech Thee, towards the enemies of Thy Church; that they who persecute Thee daily in Thy members, being converted to the mystery of the faith, may gratefully acknowledge along with us that Thou wast delivered for the ungodly, and that the ungodly attain to righteousness by the glory of Thy passion; Who livest.

WHILE Thine enemies, O LORD, shall feel Thy hand in vengeance against those who bend not their necks to Thy cross, let the right hand of Thy mercy find out them that hate Thee, but yet have not forfeited

their claim upon Thy pity: that in time of Thy wrath and the revelation of Thy countenance they may not be made as a furnace of fire, but translated with us to receive their crown in the kingdom of life everlasting.

For Convicted Criminals.

VOUCHSAFE, we beseech Thee, O LORD, unto all such as are under sentence of punishment a true sense of their crimes, true repentance for them, and Thy gracious pardon, that their souls may be saved in the day of the LORD JESUS; for His sake, Who underwent for them the death of the cross; Who now liveth.

For Penitentiaries and Rescue Work.

MOST gracious FATHER, I beseech Thee to bless with Thy special care all penitentiaries and homes of refuge (. . .). Look down in pity on those who are sheltered in them. Guide and protect those who have again gone into the world. Give them all true contrition for their past sins. Strengthen them in their good resolutions. Lead them onward from grace to grace, that by Thy HOLY SPIRIT guiding them, they may persevere in the paths of obedience and humility and in striving against evil thoughts and desires.

And to those engaged in teaching and training them give Thy HOLY SPIRIT, that they may have a right judgment; and that in deep humility and singleness of purpose, purity of heart and life, and real zeal for Thy glory and the salvation of souls, they may labour for the love of Thee. Give them faith and hope to sustain them in disappointment, love and patience towards those under their charge; and in Thine own good time crown their labour with an eternal reward. Grant this, I beseech Thee, for our LORD JESUS CHRIST'S sake.

Reformatories and Juvenile Crime.

ROOT out, O LORD, all the seeds of evil wheresoever they have been sown in youthful hearts. Prosper all that is done to reform young offenders, that, apart from surroundings and companions of vice, they may learn to live as befits Thy children, and may be imbued and fortified with habits of obedience and piety; through.

For the Penitent.

O GOD, Who cleansest the penitent heart, and loosest the tender conscience from the bond of iniquity; pardon the guilty, heal the wounded, forgiving their sin by Thy sacramental grace, that they may suffer no eternal loss, but serve Thee henceforward with a true and lasting devotion.

Or,

NOW the GOD of peace, that brought again from the dead our LORD JESUS CHRIST, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; through.

16. Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful LORD, to Thy faithful people . . .

LITANY.

O LORD, Who didst come to call sinners to repentance,
Call them still and make them answer Thy call.
Be merciful to those who have no cloke for their sin,
But have seen and hated both Thee and Thy FATHER.

Thou Who didst melt the hardness of the thief,
Soften the hearts of all who are impenitent.

Thou Who didst recover the woman that was a sinner,
Recover all those who have fallen away from Thee.

Thou Who didst call Zacchæus from the sycamore tree,
Arouse the careless and arrest the curious.

Thou Who didst speak the words of spirit and of life
Enlighten the ignorant and teach the unlearned;
Dispel all prejudices, correct all errors,
Establish Thy people in the truth of the gospel.

Thou Who didst call S. Matthew from the receipt of custom,
Deliver many souls from the slavery of the world.

Thou Who didst pray for Thy murderers,
Pity those who oppose Thy rule and persecute Thy servants.

Thou Who didst cast out many devils,
Set free many by the power of Thy grace, who are possessed by the devils of drink and lust.

Thou Who didst satisfy the doubts of S. Thomas,
Deal gently with those who can scarcely believe.

Thou Who didst uplift the sinking S. Peter,
Support all those who are weak and unstable.

Thou Who didst come to proclaim deliverance to captives,
Pity all prisoners and loose the chain of their sins.

Thou Who didst heal the impotent man,
Uphold those who are weakened by past sin.

Thou Who didst still the tempest on the lake,
Rebuke the storms of passion and anger, and bid the waves be still.

Thou Who didst heal the withered hand,
Recover for many the faculties which they have lost, of prayer and work, of self-control and self-sacrifice.

Thou Who didst make both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak,
Open deaf ears to Thy message;
Loosen stammering tongues to speak words of penitence.

Thou Who didst put to shame the woman of Samaria,
Reveal to many who are living in sin the shame of their life, and bring them to repentance.

Thou Who didst raise the dead to life,
Quicken dead souls to the life of righteousness.

JESUS! JESUS! JESUS!
Who didst come to save Thy people from their sins,
Save us, O SAVIOUR.
Hosanna!

SATURDAY.

LORD, behold he whom Thou lovest is sick.

S. John xi. 3.

The prayer of faith shall save him that is sick, and the LORD shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, it shall be forgiven him.

S. James v. 15.

When hearts, are full of innermost distress,
And we are doomed to stand inactive by,
Watching the soul's or body's agony,
Which human effort helps not to make less—
Then like a cup capacious to contain
The overflowings of the heart, is prayer;
The longing of the soul is satisfied,
The keenest darts of anguish blunted are;
And though we cannot cease to yearn or grieve,
We yet have learned in patience to abide.

R. C. TRENCH.

The SPIRIT itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Can thine or my groanings be called unutterable, when there are often none, when they are often cold?

. . . . . .

He who prays for others, labours for himself.

If thou prayest for thyself alone, thou alone wilt pray for thyself.

If thou prayest for all, all pray for thee.

BISHOP ANDREWES, *Devotions.*

SATURDAY.

SCHEME.

Suffering and Rest.

SORROWFUL.	Widowers.	Widows.
	Orphans.	Bereaved.
	Afflicted.	Lonely.
	Desperate.	
POOR.	Unemployed.	Underpaid.
	Starving.	Homeless.
	Incompetent.	
	Persecuted.	Slaves.
AGED.	Losing faculties.	
	Disabled.	Suffering.
SICK AND DYING.	Incurable.	Sleepless.
CHRONIC.	Blind.	Deaf and Dumb.
	Crippled.	Imbecile.
	Women in travail.	
INSTITUTIONS.	Workhouses.	Asylums.
	Infirmaries.	Hospitals.
	Nurses.	Doctors.
THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED.	Relations.	Friends.
	Benefactors.	

General.

O GOD, Who art the author of love, and the lover of pure peace and affection, heal the diseases of all Christians who are sick, and let all who are terrified by fears, afflicted by poverty, harassed by tribulation, worn down by illness, given over to punishments, and all prisoners and wayfarers, be set free by Thine indulgent tenderness, raised up by amendment of life, and cherished by Thy daily compassion.

4. O LORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy Church and household . . .

OUR FATHER . . .

Widows and Widowers.

O GOD, Who hast been pleased for a while to rend asunder the union which Thou Thyself hadst blessed, console Thy servants in their hours of loneliness, and mitigate the trials of their loss. Give them submission to Thy gracious will, and a joyful looking forward to reunion at the last, where there is no more death, nor parting, nor sorrow, but indissoluble fellowship for all Thy faithful servants; through the merits of JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

Orphans.

LET the cry of the orphans and destitute children enter into Thine ears, O LORD of Sabaoth: be Thou the Father of the fatherless, and comfort them with a mother's tenderness; rescue them from the perils of this wicked world, and bring them to the refuge of Thy heavenly home; for JESUS CHRIST'S sake.

Bereaved.

Now our LORD JESUS CHRIST Himself, and GOD even our FATHER, Which hath loved us and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and stablish you in every good word and work.

For the Afflicted.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD, the comfort of the sad, the strength of sufferers, let the prayers of those that cry out of any tribulation come unto Thee; that all may rejoice to find that Thy mercy is present with them in their afflictions; through.

Or,

RELIEVE and comfort all the persecuted and afflicted; speak peace to troubled consciences; strengthen the weak; confirm the strong; instruct the ignorant; deliver the oppressed from him that spoileth him, and relieve the needy that hath no helper; and bring us all, by the waters of comfort, and in the ways of righteousness, to the kingdom of rest and glory; through.

The Lonely.

LORD JESUS, we beseech Thee by the loneliness of Thy suffering on the Cross, be nigh unto all them that are desolate in pain or sorrow to-day; and let the magic of Thy presence transform their loneliness into comfort, consolation, and holy fellowship with Thee, LORD JESUS, Thou pitiful SAVIOUR.

The Desperate.

O LORD, Whose sovereignty over all maketh Thee to be gracious unto all, reveal the almighty power of Thy grace to souls now sunk in the depths of despair: that they who have ceased to hope may begin to trust, and they who have lost all other confidence may be brought even by despair to confide in Thee, as Thou openest their eyes to behold Thy might, and their heart to respond to the persistence of Thy love, our gracious LORD and our GOD.

For the Poor.

Arise, O LORD GOD, and lift up Thine hand;
forget not the poor.
Take his cause into Thy hand,
for he commits himself unto Thee,
and Thou art the helper of the friendless.

Or,

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who when on earth hadst not where to lay Thine head; have mercy upon all those who are in poverty and distress. Be Thou the comforter of the widow, the Father of the orphan, the succour of those in distress, and their wealth in poverty; minister to their bodily necessities; supply their wants while they dwell upon earth; and bring them to that eternal kingdom where there are no tears, neither sorrow nor crying; Who livest.

Incompetent.

O LORD, Who hast made the small and the great, and carest for all alike, have pity on all who through force of circumstances, or even by their own fault are unequal to the battle of life. Shelter them from degradation and sin, let Thine angels uphold their goings, and bear them from the turmoil and stress of the world to rest in safety in the peace of Paradise.

For the Aged.

O THOU, Who art the strength of our heart and our portion for ever, cast not away, O LORD, Thy servants in the time of age, forsake them not when their strength faileth: but the more their bodies decay day by day, so much the more strengthen their souls for their last account; through.

Losing Faculties or Disabled.

COMFORT, O LORD, the troubled soul of Thy servant . . . and by this trial draw more closely to Thyself one who longs to be entirely Thine.

For the Suffering.

O GOD of all grace, Who hast called us into Thine eternal glory in CHRIST: look mercifully upon these Thy servants, and after that they have suffered a little while, make them perfect, stablish, strengthen, and settle them.

For the Sick.

GOOD JESU, physician of souls and bodies, make all sickness a healing medicine to the soul; soothe by Thy presence each ache and pain; hallow all suffering by Thine all-holy sufferings, and teach sufferers to unite their sufferings with Thine, to be hallowed by Thine.

Or,

O GOD, Who hast granted to mankind the medicine of salvation and the reward of eternal life, award unto Thy servant such a gift of healing power as may invigorate *him* both in body and soul; through.

For the Dying.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who in Thy last agony didst commend Thy SPIRIT into the hands of Thy heavenly FATHER; have mercy upon all sick and dying persons (*especially* . . .), and grant that they may omit nothing which is necessary to make their peace with Thee before they die; Who livest.

The LORD direct your hearts into the love of GOD, and into the patient waiting for CHRIST.

25. Hear us, Almighty and most . . .

26. Almighty, everliving GOD, Maker . . .

For Chronic Sufferers.

WE beseech Thee, most merciful GOD and FATHER, that as Thou givest Thy servants lengthened suffering, so Thou wilt give them faith and patience in the acceptance of Thy will, to offer themselves up without reserve to Thee; that they may be purged from all the remains of their natural self, and may be accepted of Thee; through.

For the Sleepless.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, Who holdest our eyes waking so that we cannot sleep, of Thy great goodness consider the weakness of Thy servants (. . .), and if it be Thy blessed will, grant them refreshing sleep. But if Thou shalt think fit to deny it, may Thy comforts refresh their souls. Enable them to meditate upon Thee in the watches of the night, to commune with their own hearts, and diligently search out their spirits. Suffer not vain thoughts to trouble them, nor let their spiritual enemies have power over them. Grant this for the sake.

For the Blind, Deaf, Dumb, Crippled.

WE implore Thy mercy, O LORD, the giver of all health, on behalf of our brethren who are troubled with manifold diseases by reason of the infirmity of the flesh (. . .), that Thou, Who alone canst relieve them, wilt be pleased to visit them with Thy gracious presence ; through.

Lunatics and Imbeciles.

O LORD, Whose ways are past finding out, we pray Thee to look upon Thy servants whom Thou hast afflicted with weakness of mind. Grant them to be strengthened and enlightened by Thy HOLY SPIRIT in the inner man, that they to whom Thou hast denied earthly wisdom may be filled with that knowledge of Thee which passeth all understanding.

Women in travail.

LORD JESUS, Who wast pleased to be born of a Virgin, let the grace of Thy blessed incarnation rest upon all who are in travail, that abiding in faith and holiness, they may be saved in child-bearing by Thine own most tender loving-kindness.

Workhouses, Asylums.

POUR Thy blessing, O LORD, upon all institutions designed for the care of the destitute, the lunatic, and the aged. Be Thyself the portion of those from whom Thou hast withdrawn the comforts and enjoyments of the world: reconcile them to their position, that they may be content therein to abide Thy gracious pleasure, and to learn such submission to Thy holy will as shall enable them hereafter to rejoice in Thy glory.

Infirmaries.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD, Who canst banish all affliction both of soul and of body, shew forth the power of Thine aid upon those who need Thy succour, that by the help of Thy mercy they may be restored to serve Thee afresh in holiness of living; through.

Hospitals.

O LORD, let Thy perpetual providence guide and direct the conduct of hospitals: that doctors and students and nurses alike, together with the patients committed to their care, may be brought through contact with the mystery of suffering into union with Thee, where alone it is solved.

For Sick Nurses.

O GOOD JESU, Who hast said, "Inasmuch as ye do it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye do it unto Me," look upon those of Thy servants who have been called by Thee to tend Thy sick and suffering children (*especially* . . .). Give them patience and tenderness, wisdom and truthfulness, and the special guidance of Thy HOLY SPIRIT in their work; so that they may faithfully minister to those to whom Thou shalt send them, in Thee and for Thee, and may be found worthy, at the last, to receive Thy eternal reward; for Thine own merits' sake.

Medical Men.

O LORD, the healer of all our diseases, Who knowest how the sick have need of a physician: bless all whom Thou hast called to be sharers in Thine own work of healing with health alike of body and soul: that they may learn their art in dependence upon Thee, and exercise it always under Thy sanction and to Thy glory; Who livest.

For the Dead.

ALMIGHTY, eternal GOD, to Whom there is never any prayer made without hope of mercy, be merciful to the souls of Thy servants departed from this world in the confession of Thy name, that they may be associate to the company of Thy saints; through.

WE commend unto Thee, O LORD, the souls of Thy servants and handmaidens (. . .), and of all the faithful departed, that being dead to this world they may live to Thee: and whatsoever sins they have contracted through the frailty of their conversation in this world do Thou through the forgiveness of Thy most merciful pity wipe away.

QUICKEN, O LORD, our departed in Thy compassion, and set them at Thy right hand. Clothe them with excellent glory in Thy kingdom, and join them to the just and righteous who fulfil Thy will in Jerusalem which is above: O LORD of our death and of our life, FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST for ever.

LITANY.

FATHER of mercies, be merciful !

Thou refuge of the solitary,
Succour the widows and widowers,
Shelter the orphan, comfort the bereaved .
Cheer the afflicted, rejoice the sad,
Solace the lonely,
Enhearten the desperate :—

Ah, good LORD, grant it.

O Son of Man, be pitiful !

Thou merciful and faithful High Priest,
Thou Sharer of human sorrows,
May the oppressed be taught Thy patience,
the starving learn Thy endurance :
May the poor share Thy riches,
and the rich Thy poverty :
May the purposeless awake to Thy call,
the incompetent rise to Thy employment,
the enslaved and degraded be enfranchised by Thee,
the homeless find a home in Thee :—

Ah, good LORD, grant it.

O Spirit of life, be compassionate !

Thou Who transformest from glory to glory,
Bring to submission those who rebel,
Reconcile those in undeserved misery :
ennoble the weakness of the aged,
hallow the losses of the failing :
transfigure all declining years,
glorify anguish, trial, and pain :—

Ah, good LORD, grant it.

All-blessed Trinity of love and mercy,
regard the dread agonies of a suffering world,
the sleepless tossing,
the numb despair,
the high fever, the chronic decay,
the crisis of disease, of childbirth, and operation:
the sick and the dying,
the penitent and the impenitent:—

Ah, good LORD, spare them:

Succour those that tend them,
Working through them, and within them:
and grant to living and departed
a merciful judgment at that day. Amen.

O LORD JESUS, have mercy upon all sufferers; grant them continually meditating upon Thy holy life of suffering to realise in weakness the strength of Thy incarnation; in pain the triumph of Thy passion; in poverty the riches of Thy Godhead; in reproach the satisfaction of Thy sympathy; in loneliness the comfort of Thy continual presence; in difficulty the efficacy of Thine intercession; in perplexity the guidance of Thy wisdom. And bring them of Thy mercy, when this suffering life is past, to that glorious kingdom which by Thy suffering Thou didst purchase for all who would take refuge in Thy mediation; Who livest.

May the LORD of His mercy grant to us with all His faithful people living and departed, rest and peace.

THANKSGIVING.

Whoso offereth me thanks and praise,
he honoureth me.

Psalm l. 23.

THANKSGIVING.

Would you know who is the greatest saint in the world? It is not he who prays most, or fasts most: it is not he who gives most alms, or is most eminent for temperance, chastity, and justice; but it is he who is always thankful to GOD, who wills everything that GOD willeth, who receives everything as an instance of GOD'S goodness, and has a heart always ready to praise GOD for it.

All prayer and devotion, fastings and repentance, meditation and retirement, all sacraments and ordinances, are but so many means to render the soul thus divine, and conformable to the Will of GOD, and to fill it with thankfulness and praise for everything that comes from GOD.

If anyone would tell you the shortest, surest way to all happiness, and all perfection, he must tell you to make a rule to yourself to thank and praise GOD for everything that happens to you. For it is certain that whatever seeming calamity happens to you, if you thank and praise GOD for it, you turn it into a blessing.

I exhort you to this method in your devotion, that every day may be made a day of thanksgiving, and that the spirit of murmur and discontent may be unable to enter into the heart which is so often employed in singing the praises of GOD.

W. LAW, *A Serious Call*, ch. xv.

Let us "in everything give thanks, whether we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do." What holy whispers would pass to and fro between the FATHER and us, if,

at every heart's beat and at every pulse of breath, we could repeat our untiring hallelujah with them on high, who, again and again, at each pause, at each close of GOD'S unceasing display are ever saying, again and yet again, "Hallelujah." Here is the secret of Christian cheerfulness; and no power on earth can break it down when once we have discovered that there is absolutely nothing but sin itself which is not fitted to renew and to replenish the delight of giving thanks. Why, then, are any Christian faces clouded and thick? Why are there any Christian hearts that are sullen and tired? Call upon your spirits to give thanks unto the LORD GOD. That door of escape is ever open, that gateway into gladness can never be shut; and, day after day, you can "magnify the LORD, and worship His name, ever world without end." "Lift up your hearts unto the LORD," for, indeed, "it is meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks" to GOD for His great glory.

H. S. HOLLAND, *Creed and Character*, p. 309.

S. Paul's Christianity is a religion of thankfulness. . . . The secret of this thankfulness is that he looks straight away from himself and his surroundings up to GOD. He measures the value of human life and work, not by what immediate experience suggests, but by what he knows of the purpose of GOD. In spite of all the obstacles opposed by human wilfulness and weakness and sin, He knows that His purpose will effect itself: therefore he "rejoices in the LORD always," and no discouraging circumstances can quench the springs of his rejoicing. Our Christianity is apt to be of a very "dutiful" kind. We mean to do our duty, we attend Church and go to our Communions. But our hearts are full of the difficulties, the hardships, the obstacles which the situation presents, and we go on our way sadly, down-hearted and

despondent. We need to learn, or learn anew, from S. Paul that true Christianity is inseparable from deep joy; and the secret of that joy lies in a continual looking away from all else—away from sin and its ways, and from the manifold hindrances to the good we would do—up to GOD, His love, His purpose, His will. In proportion as we do look up to Him we shall rejoice, and in proportion as we rejoice in the LORD will our religion have tone and power and attractiveness.

C. GORE, *Epistle to the Ephesians*, pp. 83, 84.

SUNDAY.

Be filled with the SPIRIT; speaking one to another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the LORD; giving thanks always for all things in the name of our LORD JESUS CHRIST to GOD, even the FATHER.

Eph. v. 19–21.

THE GREAT DELIVERANCE.

I.—For Thy mercies vouchsafed to us in answer to Prayers for Penitence.

For all returning penitents,
awakening to righteousness,
ignorance and prejudice dispelled,
pride and anger subdued,
triumph of truth and meekness,
of temperance and purity,
unbelief vanquished,
dissenters reconciled,
prisoners and paupers cared for,
happiness restored to homes,
wanderers returned to the fold.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious,
Because His mercy endureth for ever.
Thou art my God, and I will thank Thee:
Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee.

II.—Personal Thanksgiving for Past Deliverance.

TEMPTATIONS AVERTED.—*Ps.* ix. 1–4.

I will give thanks unto Thee, O LORD,
With my whole heart,
I will speak of all Thy marvellous works:
I will be glad and rejoice in Thee,
Yea, my songs will I make of Thy name,
O Thou most highest.
While mine enemies are driven back,
They shall fall and perish at Thy presence:
Thou hast maintained my right and my cause,
Thou art set in the throne
That judgest right.

Thou art my God, and I will thank Thee:
Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee.

TEMPTATIONS OVERCOME.—*Ps.* cxxiv. 5, 6.

Praised be the LORD,
Who hath not given us over for a prey
Unto the teeth of the enemy.
Our soul is escaped
Even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler:
The snare is broken,
And we are delivered.

Thou art my God, and I will thank Thee:
Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee.

SINS FORGIVEN.—*Ps.* lvi. 12, 13.

Unto Thee, O LORD, will I pay my vows,
Unto Thee will I give thanks.
For Thou hast delivered my soul from death,
Mine eyes from tears,
And my feet from falling,
That I may walk before GOD
In the light of the living.

Thou art my God, and I will thank Thee:
Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee.

SINS OVERRULED FOR GOOD.—*Ps.* xciv. 17, 18.

If Thou, LORD, hadst not helped me,
It had not failed
But my soul had been put to silence.
But when I said, "My foot slippeth,"
Thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.

Thou art my God, and I will thank Thee:
Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee.

DELIVERANCE FROM ERROR.—*Ps.* cxviii. 27; cxlvi. 7.

GOD is the LORD Who hath shewed us light;
Thou, LORD, loosest men out of prison,
Thou, LORD, givest sight to the blind.
Yea, Thou, LORD, hast freed and enlightened me.

Thou art my God, and I will thank Thee:
Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee.

FROM INDIFFERENCE.—*Ps.* cxviii. 21, 22.

I will thank Thee, for Thou hast heard me,
And art become my salvation.
The same Stone Whom I had refused
Has become my Chief Corner Stone.

Thou art my God, and I will thank Thee:
Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee.

FROM TROUBLE.—*Ps.* cxviii. 5; liv. 6, 7.

I called upon Thee in trouble
And Thou, LORD, heardest me at large,
An offering of a free heart will I give Thee,
And praise Thy name, O LORD,
Because it is so comfortable.
For Thou hast delivered me out of all my trouble.

Thou art my God, and I will thank Thee:
Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee.

FROM TRIALS.—*Ps.* cxviii. 18.

Thou, LORD, has chastened and corrected me,
But Thou hast not given me over unto death.
Nay, Thou didst open me
The gates of righteousness,
That I might go into them
And give thanks unto Thee.

Thou art my God, and I will thank Thee:
Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee.

FROM BAD HABIT.—*Ps.* xviii. 19.

Thou hast brought me forth into a place of liberty,
Thou hast brought me forth,
Even because Thou hadst a favour unto me.

Thou art my God, and I will thank Thee:
Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious,
and His mercy endureth for ever.

III.—For the Life and Example of our Blessed Lord.

The teaching: a teacher come from GOD.—*S. John* iii. 2.

The parables: declaring hard sentences.—*S. Matt.* xiii. 35.

The miracles: manifesting forth His glory.—*S. John* ii. 11.

His sympathy: made like to His brethren.—*Heb.* ii. 17.

In weakness: touched with the feeling of our infirmities.

In temptation: tempted in all points like as we are.—*Heb.* iv. 15.

With ignorance: who can have compassion on the ignorant.

With error: and on them that are out of the way.—*Heb.* v. 2.

With sinners: making reconciliation for sins of the people.—*Heb.* ii. 17.

With joys: rejoicing with them that do rejoice.—*S. John* ii. 1–12.

With sorrows: weeping with them that weep.—*Rom.* xii. 15; *S. John* xi. 35.

His unceasing mercies: He went about doing good.—*Acts* x. 38.

His perfection: made perfect through sufferings.—*Heb.* ii. 10.

His example: that we might follow His steps.—1 *S. Peter* ii. 21.

The virtue of His coming: that we might have life more abundantly.—*S. John* x. 10.

His promise of reward: where I am, there shall my servant be.—*S. John* xii. 26.

Rev. xv. 3; vii. 10, 12.

GREAT and marvellous are Thy works,
LORD GOD Almighty;
Just and true are Thy ways,
Thou King of saints.
Who shall not fear Thee, O LORD,
and glorify Thy name.
For Thou only art holy.
All nations shall come and worship before Thee,
For Thy judgments are made manifest.
Salvation to our GOD
Which sitteth upon the Throne,
And unto the Lamb.
Alleluia.

A SHORTER FORM.

The Great Deliverance.

Thou art my God, and I will thank Thee:
Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee.

1. For all returning penitents,
awakening to righteousness,
ignorance and prejudice dispelled,
pride and anger subdued,
triumph of truth and meekness,
of temperance and purity,
unbelief vanquished,
dissenters reconciled,
prisoners and paupers cared for,
happiness restored to homes,
wanderers returned to the fold.

2. Temptations averted, overcome.
Sins forgiven, overruled.
Deliverance from error, indifference,
trouble, trial, bad habit.

3. The life and example of our blessed LORD,
teaching, parables, miracles, sympathy, beneficence, perfection, example, life-giving, reward.

JESUS, Who preachest good tidings to the meek,

Dear Lord, I love Thee and bless Thee.

JESUS, Who bindest up the broken-hearted:
JESUS, Who deliverest the captives:
JESUS, Who openest the prison of the prisoners:
JESUS, Who recoverest sight for the blind,
power for the palsied,
cleansing for the lepers,
hearing for the deaf,
speech for the dumb:

Dear Lord, I love Thee and bless Thee.

For this the acceptable year of the LORD:
For the garland of beauty, the oil of joy,
and the garment of praise and rejoicing:

Dear Lord, I love Thee and bless Thee.

MONDAY.

One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, with a loud voice glorifying GOD: and he fell upon his face at His feet, giving Him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And JESUS answering said, Were not the ten cleansed? but where are the nine? Were there none found that returned to give glory to GOD, save this stranger?

S. Luke xvii. 15–18.

BLESSINGS HIDDEN AND DISGUISED.

I.—For Thy mercies, corresponding to our prayers, for "Suffering and Rest."

For all suffering—
physical, mental, spiritual:
patiently borne,
which has brought souls to Thee,
caused others to glorify Thee,
called out tenderness for others.

For the patient endurance of the poor,
lives sanctified by poverty,
their generosity to one another,
skill and tenderness in doctors and nurses,
institutions for the relief of suffering.

For all those who have departed this life in Thy faith and fear.

Ps. cxix. 12, 27.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord,
O teach me Thy statutes.
Make me to understand the way of Thy commandments:
And so shall I talk of Thy wondrous works.

II.—Personal Thanksgiving for Discipline.

REPROOF, DESERVED.—*Ps.* cxli. 5; cxix. 59, 50.

The righteous did smite me friendly
And reproved me.
I called mine own ways to remembrance,
And turned my feet unto Thy testimonies.
Thou wast my comfort in my trouble,
And Thy word hath quickened me.

Blessed art Thou, etc.

INJURIES, UNDESERVED.—*Ps.* cxix. 51, 52.

The proud have had me exceedingly in derision:
Yet have I not shrinked from Thy law.
For I remembered Thine everlasting judgments,
O LORD,
And received comfort.

Blessed art Thou, etc.

TROUBLE.—*Ps.* cxix. 67, 71, 75.

Before I was troubled I went wrong,
But now have I kept Thy word.
It is good for me that I have been in trouble,
That I may learn Thy statutes;
I know, O LORD,
That Thy judgments are right:
And that Thou of very faithfulness
Hast caused me to be troubled.

Blessed art Thou, etc.

SICKNESS.—*Ps.* xli. 3; ix. 13.

LORD, Thou didst comfort me
When I lay sick upon my bed;
Thou didst make all my bed in my sickness.
Thou hast lifted me up from the gates of death.

Blessed art Thou, etc.

TEMPTATION.—*Ps.* cxix. 87; lxvi. 9–11.

They had almost made an end of me upon earth,
But I forsook not Thy commandments.
Thou, LORD, hast proved me,
Thou hast tried me like as silver is tried;
Thou broughtest me into the snare,
I went through fire and water,
And Thou broughtest me out
Into a wealthy place.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord,
O teach me Thy statutes.

Make me to understand the way of Thy commandments:
And so shall I talk of Thy wondrous works.

III.—The Company of Heaven.

Ps. cvii.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious, and His mercy endureth for ever.

For all whom the LORD hath redeemed,
And delivered from the hand of the enemy;
And gathered out of all lands,
From the east and from the west,
From the north and from the south.

PATRIARCHS.—*Ps.* xxii. 4.

For our fathers who hoped in Thee,
They trusted in Thee,
And Thou didst deliver them.

O give thanks, etc.

PROPHETS.—*Ps.* cii. 21; cvii. 20.

For those that declared Thy name in Zion,
And Thy worship at Jerusalem.
By whom Thou sentest Thy word of healing,
And men were saved from destruction.

O give thanks, etc.

APOSTLES, EVANGELISTS, DOCTORS. — *Ps.* xvi. 3; xix. 4; lxxviii. 6; lxviii. 11.

All my delight is upon the saints
That excelled in virtue upon the earth.
Their sound went out into all lands,
And their words into the ends of the world.
That their posterity might know it,
And the children which were yet unborn:
To the intent that when they came up
They might shew their children the same.
The LORD gave the word,
Great was the company of the preachers.

O give thanks, etc.

MARTYRS.—*Ps.* lxxix. 3; cxvi. 13; lxxii. 14.

For the glorious company of martyrs,
Whose blood has been shed like water
On every side of Jerusalem;
Right dear in the sight of the LORD
Is the death of His saints,
And precious is their blood in His sight.

O give thanks, etc.

CONFESSORS.—*Ps.* xxxvii. 4, 6, 17, 18.

For the righteous whom GOD hath upholden,
He gave them their hearts' desire.
They were not confounded in the perilous time;
For He that knoweth the days of the godly
Made their righteousness clear as the light;
And their inheritance shall endure for ever.

O give thanks, etc.

VIRGINS.—*Ps.* xxxvii. 38.

For the holy choir of virgin souls,
Who kept innocency,
And gave heed to the thing that was right;
And so were brought to peace at the last.

O give thanks, etc.

INNOCENTS.—*Ps.* viii. 1, 2.

For babes and sucklings,
In whose weakness
GOD has ordained strength,
Has stilled the enemy and the avenger,
And set His own glory above the heavens.

O give thanks, etc.

ALL SAINTS.—*Ps.* xxxvii. 6; ix. 18; xxxvii. 11; cvi. 5; xxxvii. 35.

For all the unknown congregation of saints,
Whose just dealing hereafter the LORD of glory
Shall make as clear as the noon-day.
Since the poor shall not alway be forgotten,
The patient abiding of the meek
Shall not perish for ever.
Nay, rather they possess the earth,
And are refreshed in the multitude of peace.
They see the felicity of GOD'S chosen,
And rejoice in the gladness of His people.
For all who kept the ways of the LORD,
Till He promoted them to possess the land.

O give thanks, etc.

THE KINGDOM OF BLISS.—*Ps.* ciii. 20.

For the angels of the LORD,
That excel in strength;
For the hosts of the LORD,
That fulfil His commandments;
For the servants of the LORD,
That do His pleasure.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious, and His mercy endureth for ever.

A SHORTER FORM.

Blessings Hidden and Disguised.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious,
and His mercy endureth for ever.

1. Blessings through pain—
   Physical, mental, spiritual.
   Suffering patiently borne,
   leading Godwards:
   causing GOD'S glory,
   human tenderness.
   Poverty endured, loved,
   made heavenly treasure:
   generous, loving, CHRIST-like.
   Pain relieved—Doctors, Nurses,
   Hospitals, Infirmaries, etc.
   The blessed dead.

2. Personal blessings of Discipline.
   Reproof deserved and undeserved;
   Injuries become blessings.
   Trouble, sickness, trial, temptation.

3. The company of the Blessed.
   Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles,
   Evangelists, Martyrs,
   Confessors, Virgins, Innocents,
   All Saints, Angels.

VERILY Thou art a GOD that hidest Thyself,
O GOD of Israel, the Saviour:
that concealest Thy choicest blessings,
that chastenest whom Thou lovest.
Glory to Thee for Thy chastening, O LORD,
which yieldeth the peaceable fruit
of righteousness:
Glory to Thee for Thy hid treasures,
ours even now, though disguised or deferred.
Glory to Thee for Thy love and Thy bounty.
Glory to Thee.

TUESDAY

And they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: and were continually in the temple, blessing GOD.

S. Luke xxiv. 52, 53.

And day by day, continuing steadfastly with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread at home, they did take their food with gladness and singleness of heart, praising GOD.

Acts ii. 46, 47.

LIFE AND LIGHT.

I.—For Thy mercies in answer to our prayers for "The Kingdom of God, Spiritual. I."

For the renewal of faith and fervour—
throughout the Catholic Church,
in the Anglican Communion.

For all that is good in Christian bodies not in visible communion with the Church.

For the better observance of—
Embertide,
Fasts,
Festivals.

For the zeal, reality, and better training of the clergy; their increased sense of vocation.

For the Means of Grace,
the more reverent and frequent celebration of—
Baptism,
Confirmation,
Penance,
Holy Eucharist.

Ps. lxxi. 17, 7.

Thy righteousness, O GOD, is very high,
And great things are they that Thou hast done.

O God, who is like unto Thee?
O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise,
That I may sing of Thy glory and honour
all the day long.

II.—For Personal Mercies in Spiritual Instruction.

TEACHING.—*Ps.* lxxi. 15.

Thou, O GOD, hast taught me
From my youth up until now,
Therefore will I tell of Thy wondrous works.

O God, who is like unto Thee? etc.

FAITH, IN PLACE OF DOUBT.—*Ps.* cxvi. 10; cxix. 18.

I believe, and therefore will I speak;
But I was sore troubled.
I said in my haste, "All men are liars."
But Thou hast opened mine eyes,
And shewed me wondrous things of Thy law.

O God, who is like unto Thee? etc.

ACQUAINTANCE WITH THEE.—*Ps.* xvi. 12.

Thou hast shewn me the path of life;
In Thy presence is the fulness of joy,
At Thy right hand is pleasure for evermore.

O God, who is like unto Thee? etc.

CHURCH SERVICES.—*Ps.* xxvi. 8.

LORD, I have loved
The habitation of Thy house,
And the place where Thine honour dwelleth.

O God, who is like unto Thee? etc.

DELIVERANCE FROM PERPLEXITY.—*Ps.* lxxi. 18.

O what great troubles
And adversities hast Thou shewed me!
Yet didst Thou turn and refresh me,
Yea, and broughtest me
From the deep of the earth again.

O God, who is like unto Thee? etc.

KNOWLEDGE OF THY WORD.—*Ps.* lvi. 4, 10; cxix. 162.

I will praise Thee because of Thy word;
In Thy word will I rejoice,
In Thy word will I comfort me.
For I am as glad of Thy word,
As one that findeth great spoils.

O God, who is like unto Thee? etc.

THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF GRACE.—*Ps.* lxxi. 14.

I will go forth in the strength of the LORD GOD,
And make mention of Thy righteousness only.
Thy righteousness, O GOD, is very high,
And great things are they that Thou hast done.

O God, who is like unto Thee?
My lips will be fain when I sing unto Thee,
And so will my soul
Whom Thou hast delivered.
My tongue also shall talk of Thy righteousness all the day long,
For they are confounded and brought unto shame, that seek to do me evil.

III.—For Thy Revelation of Thyself.

Ps. lvii., cviii.

Set up Thyself, O God, above the heavens,
And Thy glory above all the earth.

MAJESTY.—*Ps.* xlvii. 2.

Thou, LORD, art high and to be feared,
Thou art the great King upon all the earth.

Set up, etc.

ETERNITY.—*Ps.* xc. 2.

Thou art GOD from everlasting,
And world without end.

Set up, etc.

OMNIPRESENCE.—*Ps.* cxxxix. 6; cv. 7.

Whither shall I go from Thy SPIRIT?
If I climb up into heaven, Thou art there;
If I go down to Sheol, Thou art there also;
Thy judgments are in all the world.

Set up, etc.

OMNIPOTENCE.—*Ps.* cxxxv. 5, 6; xciv. 11.

I know that Thou art great
And doest all things,
Whatsoever pleaseth Thee
In heaven and in earth,
In the sea and in all deep places.
The thoughts of man are but vain,
Thou knowest,
But Thou art the great King
Over all the earth.

Set up, etc.

TRUTH.—*Ps.* lxxxix. 9.

O LORD GOD of hosts, Who is like unto Thee?
Thy truth, most mighty LORD,
Is on every side.

Set up, etc.

RIGHTEOUSNESS.—*Ps.* lxxxix. 15; vii. 18.

Righteousness and equity
Are the habitation of Thy seat,
Mercy and truth shall go before Thy face.
I will give thanks unto Thee
According to Thy righteousness,
And I will praise Thy name,
O LORD most high.

Set up, etc.

STEADFASTNESS.—*Ps.* xxxvi. 5; ix. 10.

Thy mercy, O LORD,
Reacheth unto the heavens,
And Thy faithfulness unto the clouds:
Thy righteousness standeth
Like the strong mountains,
Thy judgments are like the great deep.
Thou, LORD, hast never failed them that seek Thee.

Set up, etc.

PITY.—*Ps.* ciii. 13.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children,
So art Thou merciful unto them that fear Thee.

Set up, etc.

MERCY.—*Ps.* cxxxviii. 6; lxxxvi. 15; xiii. 5.

But though Thou art high,
Yet hast Thou respect unto the lowly;
Thou, O LORD GOD, art full
Of compassion and mercy,
Long suffering,
Plenteous in goodness and truth.
Yea, my trust is in Thy mercy,
And my heart is joyful in Thy salvation.

Set up, etc.

LOVE.—*Ps.* cxlv. 9; lxiii. 3.

LORD, Thou art loving unto every man.
Thy loving kindness is better
Than the life itself;
Therefore my lips shall praise Thee.

Set up Thyself, O God, above the heavens,
And Thy glory above all the earth.

A SHORTER FORM.

Life and Light.

O God, who is like unto Thee?
O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise,
That I may sing of Thy glory and honour
all the day long.

1. Abounding life in the kingdom:
   Renewed among ourselves:
   Even outside the covenant.
   Zeal,
   Faith,
   Discipline, } of Clergy and Laity.
   Sacramental Life { Baptism. Confirmation. Penance. Eucharist.

2. Light of GOD shown in personal mercies for the soul,
   Light in faith: teaching: worship: guidance:
   acquaintance with GOD: enlightment:
   encouragement.

3. GOD's Revelation of Himself.
   Majesty, Eternity,
   Omnipotence, Omnipresence.
   Truth, Righteousness, Steadfastness.
   Pity, Mercy, Love.

SPIRIT of life, who fillest all the world,
I worship and adore Thee.
Spirit of light, who teachest all the truth,
I worship and adore Thee.
Source of all gifts of Nature and of Grace
of knowledge natural, and supernatural,
I worship and adore Thee.
As Thou hast made and endowed me,
taught and reproved me,
borne with me, recovered me, restored me,
Now with the ardour of a quickened soul,
with the devotion of a humbled mind,
with the best homage of a thankful heart,
LORD and life-giver,
I worship and adore Thee.

WEDNESDAY.

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be fulfilled.

I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no one taketh from you.

S. John xv. 11; xvi. 22.

Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift.

2 *Cor.* ix. 15.

LIFE IN CHRIST.

I.—For Thy mercies in answer to our prayers for "The Kingdom of God, Spiritual. II."

For the faithful laity—
the growing body of communicants,
their aspirations towards a higher life,
the increase of workers.

For guidance every day received by those who seek it.

For the life and work of Brotherhoods and Sisterhoods,
their growth and multiplication.

For Guilds and Societies.

For the innocence of children,
their influence in the world.

For the growth of Religious Education.

My soul, be joyful in the Lord,
And rejoice in His salvation.

II.—For Personal Mercies in Spiritual Gifts.

BAPTISM.—*Ps.* cxxxiii. 4.

There the LORD promised His blessing,
And life for evermore.

Therefore my soul be joyful, etc.

ANSWERS TO PRAYER.—*Ps.* xxii. 24; xxviii. 7; lxvi. 16.

He hath not despised
Nor abhorred my low estate,
He hath not hid His face from me,
But when I called unto Him He heard me.
Praised be the LORD, for He hath heard
The voice of my humble petitions.
If I incline unto wickedness with my heart,
The LORD will not hear me.
But GOD hath heard me,
And considered the voice of my prayer.
Praised be GOD,
Who hath not cast out my prayer,
Nor turned His mercy from me.

Therefore my soul be joyful, etc.

CONFIRMATION.—*Ps.* cxxxviii. 3.

When I called upon Thee, Thou heardest me,
And enduedst my soul with much strength.

Therefore my soul be joyful, etc.

AWAKENING.—*Ps.* xl. 1.

I waited for the LORD,
And He inclined unto me
And heard my calling.
He brought me out of the horrible pit,
He set my feet upon the rock,
And ordered my goings:
And He hath put a new song in my mouth,
Even a thanksgiving unto our GOD.

Therefore my soul be joyful, etc.

FORGIVENESS.—*Ps.* xxxii. 6; xxx. 12.

I said, I will confess my sins unto the LORD,
And so Thou forgavest
The wickedness of my sin.
Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy,
Thou hast put off my sackcloth,
And girded me with gladness;
O my GOD,
I will give thanks unto Thee for ever.

Therefore my soul be joyful, etc.

HELP.—*Ps.* lxxxvi. 12, 17.

I will thank Thee, O LORD my GOD,
With all my heart,
And will praise Thy name for evermore:
For great is Thy mercy toward me,
And Thou, LORD, hast holpen me
And comforted me.

Therefore my soul be joyful, etc.

COMMUNION.—*Ps.* cvii. 9; lxxviii. 25, 26.

LORD, Thou hast satisfied the empty soul,
And filled the hungry soul with goodness.
Thou hast rained down Manna for us to eat,
And given us Food from heaven;
So that men do eat angels' Food,
For so Thou sendest them meat enough.

Therefore my soul be joyful, etc.

PROTECTION.—*Ps.* xxxi. 21.

O how plentiful is Thy goodness,
Which Thou hast laid up
For them that fear Thee,
And prepared for all them
That put their trust in Thee;

Hiding them privily by Thine own presence
From the provoking of all men,
And keeping them in Thy tabernacle
From the strife of tongues.
Thanks be to the LORD,
Who hath shewed me marvellous great kindness.

Therefore my soul be joyful in the Lord,
And rejoice in His salvation.

III.—For Redemption.

Annunciation. The Angel Gabriel was sent from GOD.—*S. Luke* i. 26.

Birth of Jesus Christ. The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.—*S. John* i. 14.

Epiphany. A light to lighten the Gentiles.—*S. Luke* ii. 32.

Baptism. It became Him to fulfil all righteousness.—*S. Matt.* iii. 15.

Fasting. He pleased not Himself.—*Rom.* xv. 3.

Temptation. JESUS said, "It is written."—*S. Matt.* iv. 4, 7, 10.

Transfiguration. The glory which He had with the FATHER, before the world was.—*S. John* xvii. 5.

Gethsemane. His soul was exceeding sorrowful, even unto death.—*S. Matt.* xxvi. 38.

Passion. Scourged, stripped, spit upon, mocked, and falsely accused.—*S. Matt.* xxvii. 26–30; *S. Mark* xiv. 56.

Calvary. "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me."—*S. John* xii. 32.

Resurrection. The first-fruits of those that slept.—1 *Cor.* xv. 20.

Ascension. Thou art gone up on high, Thou hast led captivity captive,

Coming of the Holy Ghost. And given gifts to men, that the LORD GOD might dwell among them.—*Ps.* lxviii. 18.

Therefore my soul be joyful in the Lord,
And rejoice in His salvation.

Rev. i. 5, 6.

UNTO Him that loveth us,
And loosed us from our sins by His Blood,
And He made us to be a kingdom,
To be priests unto His GOD and FATHER,
To Him be the glory and the dominion
For ever and ever. Amen.

A SHORTER FORM.

Life in Christ.

Therefore my soul be joyful in the Lord,
And rejoice in His salvation.

1. For the faithful laity
communicants increasing, aspiring.
increase of workers : Religious life :
Guilds and Societies.
guidance of the converted.
innocence of children : their influence :
Christian education.

2. For Baptism, Answers to prayer,
Confirmation, Awakening, Forgiveness,
Help, Communion, Protection.

3. For Redemption, through His life.
Annunciation, Nativity,
Epiphany, Baptism, Fasting,
Temptation, Transfiguration.
Gethsemane, Gabbatha, Calvary.
Resurrection, Ascension, Pentecost.

TO JESUS the life of our flesh,
Who quickeneth whom He willeth :
To JESUS the life of our soul,
Who came that we might live more abundantly :
To JESUS the life of His Church,
Who loved her and gave Himself for her :
Let all mankind in earth and in paradise,
Reconciled by His death, and saved by His life,
Give glory and honour, worship and praise,
Now and for ever and ever.

THURSDAY.

For every creature of GOD is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it be received with thanksgiving: for it is sanctified through the word of GOD and prayer.

1 *S. Tim.* iv. 4, 5.

THE CREATOR AND RULER OF THE WORLD.

I.—For Thy mercies in answer to our prayers for "The Kingdom of God, Temporal."

For all Christian rulers,
good governments and laws.
public calamities overruled for good.

For the generosity of the rich and of the poor.

For benefactors of Church and people.

For the faith of the learned,
the spread of education.
truth, wherever and by whomsoever proclaimed.
all knowledge and its wider diffusion.
beauty, whether of sight or sound.

For material prosperity,
Thy blessing on industries, agriculture,
trade and commerce,
inventions, comforts.

For a quickened sense of social duty.

For social reforms and brotherhood.

For all that promotes a better feeling between employer and employed.

Ps. cxxxix. 17 ; xl. 7.

How dear are Thy counsels unto me, O Lord,
O how great is the sum of them ;
If I should declare them and speak of them,
They should be more than I am able to express.

II.—Personal Thanksgiving for Bodily Mercies.

BIRTH.—*Ps.* lxxi. 4, 5; cxix. 73.

Thou, O LORD GOD,
Art the thing that I long for;
Thou art my hope, even from my youth.
Thy hands have made me and fashioned me.
Through Thee have I been holden up
Ever since I was born;
My praise shall be always of Thee.

How dear, etc.

SOUND BODY.—*Ps.* cxxxix. 13.

I will give thanks unto Thee,
For I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Marvellous are Thy works,
And that my soul knoweth right well.

How dear, etc.

HEALTH.—*Ps.* xli. 12; cxl. 7.

And when I am in my health
Thou upholdest me,
O LORD GOD, Thou strength of my health.

How dear, etc.

STRENGTH.—*Ps.* lix. 9.

My strength will I ascribe unto Thee,
For Thou art the GOD of my refuge.

How dear, etc.

PROTECTION.—*Ps.* iii. 5; cxxxix. 1, 2.

I laid me down and slept, and rose up again,
For Thou, LORD, sustainedst me.
Thou knowest my down-sitting
And mine up-rising,
Thou art about my path and about my bed,
And spiest out all my ways.

How dear, etc.

RECREATION.—*Ps.* xciii. 19 ; lxxxix. 22.

Thy comforts have refreshed my soul.
Thy hand hath held me fast,
And Thine arm hath strengthened me.

How dear, etc.

THE HAPPINESS OF LIVING.—*Ps.* cxix. 131.

I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath,
For my delight was in Thy commandments.

How dear, etc.

OF DEPENDENCE.—*Ps.* lix. 16.

As for me, I will sing of Thy power,
And will praise Thy mercy
Betimes in the morning ;
For Thou hast been my defence
And refuge in the day of my trouble.
Unto Thee, O my strength, will I sing,
For Thou, O GOD, art my refuge,
And my merciful GOD.

III.—For Creation.

O Lord God of hosts, who is like unto Thee?
Thy truth, most mighty Lord, is on every side.

THE WORLD.—*Ps.* lxxxix. 10, 12.

The heavens are Thine,
The earth also is Thine ;
Thou hast laid the foundation
Of the round world,
And all that therein is.
Thou rulest the raging of the sea,
Thou stillest the waves thereof,
When they arise.

O Lord God, etc.

THE EARTH AND ITS FULNESS.—*Ps.* civ.

The beasts of the field
That drink of the rivers,
The fowls of the air
That sing among the branches,
In the great and wide sea also
Things creeping innumerable,
Both small and great beasts ;
The grass for the cattle,
Green herb for the service of men,
The food out of the earth,
The wine, the oil, and the bread—

O LORD, how manifold are Thy works !
In wisdom hast Thou made them all,
The earth is full of Thy riches.

MANKIND.—*Ps.* viii.

Thou madest man
A little lower than the angels,
To crown him with glory and worship.
Thou madest him to have dominion
Of the works of Thy hands,
Thou hast put all things in subjection
Under his feet ;

O LORD our Governor,
How excellent is Thy name
In all the world !

THE ORDER OF CREATION.—*Ps.* cxlviii. 6 ; cxix. 91.

Thou hast made them fast for ever and ever,
Thou hast given them a law,
Which shall not be broken.
They continue this day
According to Thine ordinance,
For all things serve Thee.

O Lord God, etc.

ITS WITNESS.—*Ps.* lxxv. 2; cxlv. 11.

Thy name also is so nigh,
And that do Thy wondrous works declare.
They shew the glory of Thy Kingdom,
And talk of Thy power.
That Thy power, Thy glory,
And mightiness of Thy Kingdom
Might be known unto men.

O Lord God, etc.

A CHORUS OF PRAISE.—*Ps.* cxlv.

While all Thy works praise Thee, O LORD,
And Thy saints give thanks unto Thee,
I too will be talking of Thy worship,
Thy glory, Thy praise, and wondrous works,
My mouth shall speak
The praise of the LORD,
And let all flesh give thanks
Unto His holy name
For ever and ever.

A SHORTER FORM.

The Creator and Ruler of the World.

O Lord God of Hosts, who is like unto Thee?
Thy truth, most mighty Lord, is on every side.

1. Divine order in the Temporal Kingdom.
   Rulers, governments, laws:
   Public mercies: calamities overruled.
   Generosity of the rich and of the poor:
   Benefactors of Church and people.
   Faith of the learned; education;
   All truth, knowledge, beauty.
   Quickened sense of social duty:
   Social reforms, and brotherhood.
   Material prosperity blessed:—
   Industry, agriculture,
   Trade and commerce,
   Inventions, comfort.

2. Personal gifts for the body.
   Birth, soundness, health, strength,
   Protection, recreation;
   Happiness of living,
   of dependence on GOD.

3. Creation.
   The world—heavens, earth, sea and sky:
   its order and beauty.
   The earth and its fulness: witness to GOD.
   Mankind and his destiny:
   The chorus of creation.

LORD, I hail Thy wonders of Creation,
linked with the primal song
of the morning stars,
and the joyous shout of the sons of GOD.
LORD, I adore Thee,
the Creator of the universe,
and of myself, who else were naught indeed.
LORD, I glorify Thy steadfast care
and providence.
Sustaining and keeping,
o'erlooking and watching:
boundless in power and unwearied in love,
I hail Thee, adore Thee, and glorify Thee.

FRIDAY.

I thank my GOD upon all my remembrance of you, always in every supplication of mine on behalf of you all making my supplication with joy, for your fellowship in furtherance of the gospel from the first day until now.

THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH.

I.—For all Thy mercies corresponding to our prayers for "The Extension of the Kingdom."

For the improving standard of Christian life.

For good work done for Thee—
by ordinary parochial agencies,
parochial missions,
mission work,
retreats,
societies and guilds.

For good work in the mission field—
heathen brought within the fold,
devoted lives of missionaries,
the work of communities in foreign missions,
growth of native Churches and ministries.
the lives laid down.
the kingdom advanced.

For the increased desire for unity.

For the promise of the triumph of Thy mercy.

Ps. cxlv. 1, 2.

I will magnify Thee, O God, my King,
I will praise Thy name for ever and ever;
Every day will I give thanks unto Thee,
And praise Thy name for ever and ever.

II.—Thanksgiving for Personal Mercies.

NATURAL ADVANTAGES.—*Ps.* cxlviii. 5; cxxxviii. 3.

Thou spakest the word, and I was made;
Thou didst command, and I was created.
And Thou hast endued my soul
With much strength.
I will magnify, etc.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.—*Ps.* xix. 11.

In Thy judgments, O LORD,
Hath Thy servant been taught,
And in keeping of them there is great reward.
I will magnify, etc.

VOCATION.—*Ps.* xxvii. 9.

When Thou saidest, "Seek ye my face,"
My heart said unto Thee,
"Thy face, LORD, will I seek."
I will magnify, etc.

OCCUPATION.—*Ps.* civ. 23.

Thou, LORD, hast led me forth to my work,
And to my daily labour until the evening.
I will magnify, etc.

OPPORTUNITES OF SERVICE.—*Ps.* xxxi. 9.

Thou hast not shut me up
Into the hand of the enemy,
But hast set my feet in a large room.
I will magnify, etc.

OF HELPING OTHERS.—*Ps.* li. 12.

Thou hast given me the comfort of Thy help,
And stablished me with Thy free SPIRIT.
So that thereby I may teach
Thy ways unto the wicked,
And sinners may be converted unto Thee.
I will magnify, etc.

OPPORTUNITIES OF ENJOYMENT.—*Ps.* xcii. 4.

Thou, LORD, hast made me glad
Through Thy works,
I will rejoice in giving praise
For the operations of Thy hands.

I will magnify, etc.

THE JOY OF WORSHIP.—*Ps.* cxlv. 5.

As for me, I will be talking of Thy worship,
Thy glory, Thy praise and wondrous work
So that men shall speak
Of the might of Thy marvellous acts.
I will also tell of Thy greatness.

I will magnify Thee, O God, my King,
I will praise Thy name for ever and ever;
Every day will I give thanks unto Thee,
And praise Thy name for ever and ever.

III.—For the Hope of Glory.

Rev. xxi., xxii.

THE RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS.

A new heaven and a new earth,
The holy city, New Jerusalem,
Having the glory of GOD,
Where GOD makes all things new.

THE HOME PREPARED.

The tabernacle of GOD with men,
Where GOD dwells with them,
And they are His people,
And He is their GOD.

THE BEATIFIC VISION.

The glory of the LORD doth lighten the city,
The Lamb is the light thereof,
His servants shall serve Him,
And they shall see His face ;
The LORD GOD shall give them light,
And they shall reign for ever and ever.

THE UNIVERSAL GATHERING.

The nations shall walk in the light of it ;
The kings of the earth
Do bring their glory into it.
All they that are written
In the Lamb's book of life.

THE JOY OF THIS MEETING.

GOD shall wipe away all tears,
There shall be no more death,
Neither sorrow nor crying,
Neither shall there be any more pain,
For the former things are passed away.

THE THINGS THAT GOD HATH PREPARED FOR THEM THAT LOVE HIM.

I will give unto him that is athirst
Of the fountain of the water of life freely.
He that overcometh shall inherit all things,
I will be his GOD,
He shall be My son.

THE INVITATION.

Come.

Rev. xi. 15, 17; iv. 11; xix. 6.

THE kingdom of the world
Is become the kingdom of our LORD
And of His CHRIST,
And He shall reign for ever and ever.

We give Thee thanks, O LORD GOD Almighty,
Which art, and wast, and art to come,
Because Thou hast taken Thy great power
And hast reigned.

Thou art worthy, O LORD,
To receive glory and honour and power,
For Thou hast created all things,
And for Thy pleasure they are,
And were created.

Alleluia.
For the LORD GOD omnipotent reigneth.

A SHORTER FORM.

The Author and Finisher of our Faith.

I will magnify Thee, O God, my King,
I will praise Thy name for ever and ever;
Every day will I give thanks unto Thee,
And praise Thy name for ever and ever.

1. The extension of His kingdom
   at home and abroad.
   Work, pastoral, evangelistic,
   missionary, personal.
   Self-sacrifices, conversions, patience.
   New centres, growing work,
   Native Churches, clergy.
   Prospects of extension, reunion,
   consummation.

2. Personal mercies.
   Natural advantages, Christian education,
   Vocation, occupation,
   Opportunities of serving GOD, others.
   Enjoyment, spiritual and temporal.

3. For the Hope of Glory.
   The restoration of all things.
   The home prepared, the beatific vision.
   The universal gathering,
   The joy of reunion.
   The things prepared, the invitation.

GLORY to our ascended LORD,
that He is with us always.
Glory to the Word of GOD,
Going forth with His armies,
conquering and to conquer.
Glory to Him Who has led captivity captive,
and given gifts for the perfecting of His saints.
Glory to Him Who has gone before
to prepare a place in His Father's Home for us.
Glory to the Author and Finisher of our Faith:
that GOD in all things may be glorified
through JESUS CHRIST:
To Whom be all worship and praise,
dominion and glory,
Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

SATURDAY.

JESUS therefore took the loaves; and having given thanks, He distributed to them that were set down.

S. John vi. 11.

He rejoiced in the HOLY SPIRIT, and said, I thank Thee, O FATHER, LORD of heaven and earth, that Thou didst hide these things from the wise and understanding, and didst reveal them unto babes: yea, FATHER; for so it was well-pleasing in Thy sight.

S. Luke x. 21.

JESUS lifted up His eyes, and said, FATHER, I thank Thee that Thou heardest Me.

S. John xi. 41.

LOVE, HUMAN AND DIVINE.

I.—For Thy mercies vouchsafed to those Organizations for which I have prayed.

THE CHURCH.

This diocese.
This parish and others.
Parochial organizations, work and workers.

THE HOME.

Family life. Wedded love.
Parents and Children. Brothers and Sisters.
Spiritual kinship.

I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord,
with my whole heart.

II.—Personal Thanksgiving for Human Love.

PARENTS.—*Ps.* xviii. 1.

For all the love of father and mother,
I will love Thee, O LORD my strength.

HOME.

For the love of all at home,
. . . . . .
I will love Thee, O LORD my strength.

RELATIONS.—*Ps.* lxviii. 6, 3.

O GOD, that makest men
To be of one mind in an house,
I will be glad and rejoice before Thee,
I will also be merry and joyful.

FRIENDSHIP.—*Ps.* lv. 15; lxxxiv. 3.

For friends with whom
I have taken sweet counsel,
And walked in Thy house,
My King, and my GOD,
I will praise Thee, Thou LORD of Hosts.

SPIRITUAL INTERCOURSE.—*Ps.* cxix. 63.

For companionship of them that fear Thee
And keep Thy commandments,
I will love Thee, O LORD my strength.

SERVICE.—*Ps.* xxxiv. 2; lxxxii. 3.

For all who have ministered to my needs
My soul shall make her boast in Thee,
Who seest that such as are in need have right.

BENEFITS.—*Ps.* lxviii. 19; lxxxii. 3.

For all who have been benefactors unto me
Praised be Thou, O LORD, daily,
My GOD, Who helpest me,
And pourest Thy benefits upon me.

KINDNESS.—*Ps.* iv. 6; l. 14; ciii. 17

For all who have shewn me any good
I will offer unto Thee thanksgiving,
Because Thy merciful goodness
Endureth for ever and ever.

ALL GOD'S MERCIES.—*Ps.* xxxi. 21; cxxxviii. 8.

O how plentiful is Thy goodness
Which Thou hast laid up
For them that fear Thee,
That Thou hast prepared
For them that put their trust in Thee,
Even before the sons of men.
Thou, LORD, hast made good
Thy loving kindness toward me,
Yea, Thy mercy, O LORD,
Endureth for ever.
I will love Thee, O LORD my strength.

III.—The Plan of Salvation.

I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord,
with my whole heart.

REDEMPTION.—*Ps.* cxi. 5, 9.
Because Thou art mindful of Thy covenant,
And hast sent redemption unto Thy people;
I will give, etc.

THE CHURCH.—*Ps.* cxi. 1.
For the fellowship of the faithful,
And common worship of the congregation;
I will give, etc.

THE MINISTRY.—*Ps.* lxxvii. 20; lxxx. 1.
Because Thou leadest Thy people like sheep
By the hands of their pastors,
O Thou shepherd of Israel;
I will give, etc.

THE SACRAMENTS.—*Ps.* cxi. 2.
Because of Thy great and wondrous works,
Sought out of all them
That have pleasure therein;
I will give, etc.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST.—*Ps.* cxi. 5.
Because Thou hast given meat
Unto them that fear Thee;
I will give, etc.

ALL GIFTS OF GRACE IN THE CHURCH.—*Ps.* lxviii. 9.
For the gracious rain
Which Thou sendest upon Thine inheritance,
To refresh it when it is weary,
So that Thy congregation may dwell therein;
For Thou, O Almighty LORD,
Hast of Thy goodness prepared for the poor;
I will give, etc.

FOR UNION WITH GOD.—*Ps.* xvii. 16; lxxiii. 22.

For the joy of beholding Thy presence
In righteousness,
Where I may be alway by Thee,
For Thou hast holden me by my right hand;
I will give, etc.

FOR THE RULE OF CHRIST.—*Ps.* cx.

For the glory of Thine Anointed,
Seated victorious at Thy right hand;
For the excellence of His rule,
Our Prophet, Priest, and King;
I will give, etc.

FOR THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.—*Ps.* civ. 30.

Because Thou sendest forth Thy SPIRIT,
To renew the face of the earth;
I will give, etc.

FOR THE PROMISE OF VICTORY.—*Ps.* xxii. 27.

Because all the ends of the world
Shall remember themselves,
And be turned unto Thee;
And all the kindreds of the nations
Shall worship before Thee;
I will give, etc.

FOR THE TRIUMPH OF GRACE.—*Ps.* cxi. 3, 8–10.

Thy work is worthy to be praised
And had in honour,
Thy righteousness endureth for ever.
Thy commandments stand fast
For ever and ever,
And are done in truth and equity.
Holy and reverend is Thy name, O LORD,
The praise of it endureth for ever.
I will give thanks unto Thee
With my whole heart.

BLESSING and honour,
thanksgiving and praise,
more than I can utter,
more than I can conceive,
be unto Thee, O most adorable Trinity,
FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST,
by all angels, all men, all creatures,
for ever and ever, Amen and Amen.

To GOD the FATHER, Who first loved us,
and made us accepted in the Beloved:
To GOD the SON, Who loved us,
and washed us from our sins in His own Blood:
To GOD the HOLY GHOST,
Who sheds the love of GOD abroad in our hearts,
be all love and all glory,
for time and for eternity,
Amen.

Bishop Ken.

A SHORTER FORM.

Love, Human, and Divine.

I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord,
with my whole heart.

1. The Church.
   Diocese, parish,
   And their work.

   The Home:
   Family life, Wedded love.
   Parents and Children,
   Brothers and Sisters.
   Spiritual kinship.

2. Personal Benefits.
   Parents: home: relations: friends.
   Benefactors spiritual: temporal:
   living and departed.

3. The Plan of Salvation and Redemption.
   The Church:
   Ministry: Sacraments:
   Gifts of grace: Prayer.
   Union with GOD: the Rule of CHRIST: the Fellowship of the HOLY GHOST.
   The triumph of Grace:
   The promise of Victory.

BLESSED be GOD, the Only GOD,
three Persons in one eternity of Love.
Blessed be GOD, the Lover of men,
their Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.
Blessed be GOD, the fount of human love,
Whence all earthly intercourse is fructified.
Blessed be GOD for all that He is.
Blessed be GOD for all that He has done.
Blessed in His Church on earth,
and blessed in the height of heaven:
Blessed in the fellowship of the redeemed,
and blessed amid all the celestial host:
Blessed by the chorus of all humanity,
and blessed by the whisper of each single soul.
Blessed from everlasting,
blessed now,
and blessed for evermore.
Blessed be GOD.

PRAYERS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS & OBJECTS.

In every thing, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto GOD.—*Phil.* iv. 6.

Whatsoever ye do in word or in deed, do all in the name of the LORD JESUS, giving thanks to GOD the FATHER through Him.—*Col.* iii. 17.

LIST OF SUBJECTS.

For a family.
absent members of the family.

On a Birthday or Baptismal Day.
Confirmation.
Marriage.
Death.

For a Retreat.
a Parochial Mission.
Embertide.
War.
Pestilence or Famine.

During the vacancy of a See or Parish.

For Religious Communities.
Societies.

PRAYERS.

For a Family.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD, be Thou present to our duties, and grant the protection of Thy presence to all that dwell in this house, that Thou mayest be known to be the defender of Thy family, and the inhabitant of this dwelling; through.

For Absent Members of the Family.

O GOD, Who art everywhere present, look down with Thy mercy upon those who are absent from among us. Give Thy holy angels charge over them, and grant that by the light of Thy divine inspiration and the gifts of Thy bountiful providence, they may be kept safe in body, soul, and spirit, and presented faultless before the presence of Thy glory with exceeding joy; through.

On a Birthday or Anniversary of Baptism.

O GOD, the life of the faithful, the Saviour and Guardian of them that fear Thee, Who hast been pleased to bring Thy servant to this anniversary of *his (spiritual)* birth, increase Thy grace in *him* as life goes on, and add continually to the number of *his* days, that advancing by Thy favour to a ripe and happy age *he* may attain at last to everlasting joy; through.

A Confirmation.

O GOOD Shepherd, Who didst drain the cup of Thy passion to redeem Thy sheep, the whole human race, we humbly beseech Thee for Thy great name's

sake that they who have been securely grounded on pillars of heavenly wisdom may be confirmed and hallowed, strengthened and sanctified by the sevenfold gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT.

24. Almighty and everliving GOD, Who hast vouchsafed . . .

A Marriage.

O THOU, Who by Thy presence in Cana of Galilee didst sanctify the holy estate of matrimony : send Thy blessing upon Thy servants *N.* and *N.*, who *have this day* entered upon this holy estate ; and so fill them with all spiritual benediction and grace, that, living together in perfect love and holy peace in this world, in the world to come they may obtain life everlasting.

A Death or Anniversary.

O GOD, the LORD of all mercy and forgiveness, grant unto the soul of Thy servant *N.* (the anniversary of whose *burial* we have in remembrance), a time of refreshing, a quiet resting-place, and the glory of light everlasting ; through.

For a Retreat.

Ant. Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers and shut thy doors about thee.

℣. Let us go three days' journey into the wilderness.
℟. That we may sacrifice unto the LORD our GOD.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who didst say to Thy disciples, Come ye apart into a desert place and rest awhile ; grant, we beseech Thee, to Thy servants now gathered together (. . . . . .) so to seek Thee Whom our *(their)* souls desire to love, that *we* may both find Thee and be found of Thee ; and grant such

love and such wisdom to accompany the words which shall be spoken in Thy name, that they may not fall to the ground, but may be helpful in leading *us* onward through the toils of *our* pilgrimage to that rest which remaineth, where, nevertheless, they rest not day nor night from Thy perfect service ; Who livest and reignest GOD for ever and ever. Amen.

For a Parochial Mission.

O ETERNAL LORD GOD, to Whom all souls belong, we humbly beseech Thee to guide and prosper the mission now being held (*or* about to be held . . . . . .). Endue with wisdom, love, and zeal the missioners, and all who work for Thee there. Seek out and save the lost, teach the ignorant, turn the hearts of sinners, uphold the weak and falling, comfort the sorrowful, heal the sick, disarm the enemy, and look with compassion upon all ; for JESUS CHRIST'S sake.

For the Ember Weeks.

33. Almighty GOD our heavenly FATHER, Who hast purchased . . .

During a War.

O GOD, by Whose gracious providence all things in heaven and earth are ruled ; hear our prayers, we beseech Thee, and restore peace in our time, that we and all Christian people may praise Thy holy name in godly union and concord ; through.

For the Sick and Wounded.

HAVE mercy, O LORD, upon the wounded and the suffering (whether of our own people or of the enemy). Let Thy grace be their comfort, although

natural friends be far away. Raise them to health, if it be good ; but chiefly give them such faith and patience that they may glorify Thee upon the earth, and escaping safe from the assaults of Satan, may rest in peace, and rise to partake of Thy glory ; through.

In time of Pestilence or Famine.

WE beseech Thee, O LORD, give effect to our devout supplication, and mercifully turn away the famine (*or* the pestilence) : that the hearts of men may know that these scourges both proceed from Thine indignation, and cease by Thy compassion ; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

During the Vacancy of a See or Parish.

Ant. Let the LORD, the GOD of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in ; that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep which have no shepherd.

℣. O LORD, look down from heaven.
℟. Behold, and visit this vine.

WE most humbly beseech Thee, O LORD, that of Thine unbounded goodness, Thou wouldest grant unto Thy Church in . . . a Pastor (*or* Prelate), who by his godly care for it may be ever pleasing unto Thee, and may be alway diligent for the right governance of Thy people, to the glory of Thy holy name.

19. O Almighty GOD, Who [into the place of the traitor] . . .

For the Society of S. John the Evangelist.

Ant. Whatsoever ye do in word or in deed, do all in the name of the LORD JESUS.

℣. He shall give His angels charge concerning thee;
℟. To keep thee in all thy ways.

O GOD, Who didst cause Thy blessed Evangelist S. John so eminently to receive the love of Thy dear SON JESUS CHRIST, grant unto Thy servants, the Mission Priests of S. John the Evangelist, that they may evermore abide in that love and accomplish Thy holy will. Watch over this Society for good, give Thine elect angels charge concerning them, and make Thy HOLY SPIRIT to rule their hearts, that their lives may be holy, their prayers acceptable, their wants supplied, their words directed, and their work prospered, to the glory of Thy holy name; through the same.

For the Community of the Resurrection.

Ant. The promise: which was made unto the fathers, GOD hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that He hath raised up JESUS again.

℣. GOD raised Him up from the dead, and gave Him glory;
℟. That our faith and hope might be in GOD.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD, Who didst form Thy Church to be of one heart and one soul in the power of the resurrection and the fellowship of the HOLY GHOST, renew her evermore in her first love; and grant such a measure thereof to the brethren of the Resurrection, that their life may be hallowed, their way directed, and their work made fruitful to the good of Thy Church and the glory of Thy holy name; through.

For the Society of the Sacred Mission.

ALMIGHTY and eternal GOD, from Whose presence the angels go forth to do Thy will; Grant to the brethren of this Society that in obedience they may serve to the glory of Thy name, and overshadowed by Thy protection receive at last the crown of life; through.

For the Society of the Divine Compassion.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Whose mercy is as Thy Majesty; Grant unto the members of the Society of the Divine Compassion that they may ever walk worthily of their Holy Vocation, and attain to that end for which they were created, even the knowledge of Thee the only true GOD; through the compassion of Thy dear SON our LORD, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the HOLY GHOST, ever one GOD, world without end. Amen.

For the Society of the Holy Trinity, Ascot.

O GOD, in Whose hands are the souls of all flesh, we pray Thee to bestow the riches of Thy blessing on all Thy servants, living or departed, members of this Society. Give to our benefactors, for their temporal benefits, eternal good. Bless the bishop, the warden, the chaplain, the mother superior, the sisters, the children, and all the sick in this hospital. Extend this Society for the ingathering of souls to the household of faith, the perfection of souls, and the glory of the ever-blessed Trinity, FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST. Amen.

For the Community of S. Thomas the Martyr, Oxford.

REMEMBER, LORD, for good the Community of S. Thomas the Martyr, [to which I am associated,] and make it to abound more and more in all good works, to the benefit of Thy Church and the glory of Thy great name; through.

For the Community of All Saints.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, we give Thee thanks for all Thy handmaids whom Thou hast chosen in the Community of All Saints to the good part of Mary; and we beseech for them Thy grace to be faithful unto death, that Thou mayest give them the crown of life. Pour down, O LORD, Thy HOLY SPIRIT upon the sisters in all their counsel and in all their work, and grant mercy and salvation to all the souls for whom that work is wrought. Who livest and reignest with GOD the FATHER in the Unity of the HOLY GHOST, GOD, world without end. Amen.

For the Order of the Sisters of Bethany.

O LORD GOD Almighty, the refuge and strength of all who devote themselves to Thy service, remember, we beseech Thee, for good the Order of the Sisters of Bethany, and grant unto it such an increase of numbers as shall most tend to Thy glory. Vouchsafe of Thy mercy to each member of the same, growth and perseverance in the unity of the faith, unwearied hope, fervent charity, a holy life and a holy death, a place in paradise, a resurrection unto life, a merciful judgment, and a joyful rest with Thee and in Thee for evermore; for the love of Thy dear SON JESUS CHRIST, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

For the Community of S. Mary the Virgin, Wantage.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou Good Shepherd, Who camest down from heaven to seek and to save that which was lost; we pray Thee to bless, guide, and sanctify those with whom we are united who have given themselves altogether to Thy special service. Gather under their care, and open the hearts of Thy lost ones, and all others to whom they may be sent,

to listen to their words of love and peace. Give them grace to preserve those little ones entrusted to their charge in the paths of purity and holy service. Raise up unto them sisters and fellow-workers, and strengthen their hands. Turn the hearts of many to help them by prayer and alms. Bless their undertakings; stablish and comfort them, and grant that they may persevere in all difficulties and discouragements, to Thy honour and glory, Who livest and reignest for ever. Amen.

For the Community of the Holy Name, Malvern Link.

Ant. Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the LORD JESUS.

℣. Blessed be the name of the LORD.
℟. From this time forth for evermore.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, eternal and everlasting GOD, Who in Thy great love wherewith Thou hast loved us hast been pleased that these sisters, consecrated to Thy Most Holy Name, should undertake mission work for Thy glory: grant them Thy grace, that, Thou ever dwelling in them and they in Thee, they may do all things in Thy love and partake of Thy blessing now and evermore; through Thy merits, to Whom with the FATHER and the HOLY GHOST be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

For the Sisterhood of the Holy Cross.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who wast lifted up on the cross that Thou mightest draw all men unto Thee, and under the shadow of that cross hast knit Thy servants together to serve Thee, bless and accept, we beseech Thee, the work which Thou hast given them to do wheresoever Thou hast called them. Direct their ways, perfect their undertakings, make the crooked

straight and the rough places plain. Remember, LORD, Thy children, to guard them in innocency; the fallen, to restore them and perfect their penitence; the sick and needy and oppressed, to relieve and console them. And to Thy servants, our sisters, give grace so here to minister to Thee that in the land of the living they may dwell with Thee, Who now livest and reignest.

For the Community of S. Peter, Kilburn.

Ant. Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house; they will be alway praising Thee.

℣. Grant them their hearts' desire;
℟. And fulfil all their mind.

VOUCHSAFE, we beseech Thee, Almighty GOD, to bless and prosper the Community of S. Peter; give them fervour in devotion, diligence in labour, singleness of purpose, a burning love for Thee, and for the souls whom Thou hast created for Thyself. Guide them by Thy HOLY SPIRIT, fit them for the work of mercy, grant to them the grace of final perseverance. In all hours of weakness be Thou their strength, in all times of temptation do Thou give them grace to glorify Thee. Grant to them such increase of numbers as shall best enable them to fulfil the end Thou hast ordained for them; and knit them all together in the eternal bonds of Thy love; through Thy SON JESUS CHRIST, Who with Thee and the HOLY SPIRIT liveth.

For the Community of S. Peter, Horbury.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, SAVIOUR of the world, we beseech Thee to bless the Community of S. Peter the Apostle, at Horbury, and prosper all their labours, that Thy saving grace may be with the penitents, and all others under their care; and that all the Associates, together with the sisters and all kindred communities, may be united in Thy love and service for ever. Amen.

For the Sisters of S. Laurence.

O LORD, bind more and more unto Thyself the hearts Thou hast drawn to Thee in love. Bless and guide Thy servants of the Sisterhood of S. Laurence, and all whom Thou hast gathered in one to serve Thee alone with devoted hearts. Give them fervour in devotion, diligence in labour, singleness of purpose, and burning love for Thee. Guide them by Thy good SPIRIT, raise up unto them sisters and fellow-workers; fit them for Thy work of mercy; grant to them the grace of perseverance; let not their unworthiness mar or hinder Thy work, but bless it and them, and bring them to the everlasting joy of Thy presence, for the sake of JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

For the Sisterhood of the Ascension.

Ant. Set your affections on things above, not on things of the earth.

℣. Lift up your hearts;

℟. We lift them up unto the LORD.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who hast ascended into the heavens, and sittest at the right hand of power and glory; bless, we humbly beseech Thee, the sisters of the Ascension, with Thy constant favour; may their thoughts and desires ever ascend unto Thee, their ascended LORD, and may Thy grace and blessing ever descend upon them in their devotion to Thee; Who livest.

For the Community of the Holy Family.

Ant. I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in Me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing.

℣. Mercy and truth are met together;

℟. Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

ALMIGHTY FATHER, of Whom every family in heaven and earth is named, grant, we beseech

Thee, to this congregation, that being knit together, after the example of the Holy Family, in the bond of discipline and peace, they may abound in love more and more, and understanding what is Thy will may approve things that are excellent, and hereafter attain to the familiar habitation and fellowship of Thy saints and angels ; through.

For the Community of the Epiphany.

LORD, hear our prayers, and pour upon Thy handmaidens, the sisters of the Community of the Epiphany, Thy spirit of benediction ; that, enriched with heavenly gifts, they may find favour in the sight of Thy majesty, and give to others a pattern of good life and work ; through.

For the Sisters of S. Mary, Peekskill, U.S.A.

Ant. Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see GOD.

℣. Behold the handmaid of the LORD.
℟. Be it unto me according to Thy Word.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who didst choose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the Mother of Thine Incarnate SON, grant to us Thy servants who bear her name so to yield ourselves to the operation of the HOLY GHOST that we may be acceptable in Thy sight, and may bring forth to Thee the fruit of good works ; through.

C. B. S.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, look, we beseech Thee, on the face of Thy beloved SON, and for the sake of His merits hear the prayers which throughout the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament are continually offered unto Thee ; and grant to its members unity, a true faith, and lives agreeable to Thy will ; through.

E. C. U.

BLESS, O LORD, we beseech Thee, the work of the English Church Union, and grant that all its intentions, objects, and operations may ever be prevented by Thy most gracious favour, and furthered by Thy continual help, to Thy honour and glory, and the good of Thy holy Church. Give to all the members and associates of this union the spirit of unity, peace, and true concord; through.

Mothers' Union.

ALMIGHTY GOD, pour out Thy HOLY SPIRIT upon [me and upon] all who belong to the Mothers' Union. O LORD, take our minds, and think through them; take our lips, and speak through them; take our hearts, and set them on fire with love to Thee; through.

G. F. S.

O GOD, we beseech Thee to bless [us and] all who belong to the Girls' Friendly Society. May its members be sheltered and protected evermore by Thy fatherly love. And to all who are associated in Thy name for this service, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, the help and guidance of Thy HOLY SPIRIT, that in all their work for others they may work for Thee, as members of one family in CHRIST; and bring us all at last to the joy of Thy heavenly kingdom; through.

Church Army.

GRACIOUS FATHER, grant, we beseech Thee, that Thy HOLY SPIRIT may in all things direct the operations of the Church Army to the conversion of those living without GOD in the world; that suitable men and women may offer themselves for the work; that their training may prepare them for winning souls; that the clergy may open their parishes to receive the evangelists; and that the necessary means for carrying out this work may be forthcoming; and this we humbly pray through.

Missions to Seamen.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, Who in Thy tender love and pity didst give Thy SON to die for us, that He might draw all men unto Himself; prosper, we beseech Thee, the missions to seamen. Send Thy HOLY SPIRIT upon the committee, the chaplains, lay missionaries, and all helpers. May many seamen be led to serve Thee faithfully, both at sea and on shore, that Thy holy name may be glorified by them in all the world; through.

Church of England Women's Help Society.

GRANT, LORD, we beseech Thee, to all the workers and members of the Women's Help Society, the gift of Thy HOLY SPIRIT, that with purity of heart, modesty of conduct, truthfulness, and courage, they may walk as children of light, and ever persevere in Thy service. Give them, by the same SPIRIT, such wisdom, sympathy, and self-denial that they may draw others to Thee, and hereafter be partakers together of Thy glory; through.

COLLECTS FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.

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1. Third Sunday in Advent.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee; grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, Who livest and reignest with the FATHER and the HOLY SPIRIT, ever one GOD, world without end. Amen.

2. S. John the Evangelist.

MERCIFUL LORD, we beseech Thee to cast Thy bright beams of light upon Thy Church, that it being enlightened by the doctrine of Thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John, may so walk in the light of Thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

3. First Sunday after the Epiphany.

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people which call upon Thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

4. Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany.

O LORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy Church and household continually in Thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of Thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by Thy mighty power; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

5. Fifth Sunday in Lent.

WE beseech Thee, Almighty GOD, mercifully to look upon Thy people; that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

6. Good Friday.

I.

ALMIGHTY GOD, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family, for which our LORD JESUS CHRIST was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, Who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the HOLY GHOST, ever one GOD, world without end. Amen.

7. II.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD, by Whose SPIRIT the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. Amen.

8. III.

O MERCIFUL GOD, Who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word; and so fetch them home, blessed LORD, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one shepherd, JESUS CHRIST our LORD, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the HOLY SPIRIT, one GOD, world without end. Amen.

9. Third Sunday after Easter.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who showest to them that be in error the light of Thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of CHRIST'S religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our LORD JESUS CHRIST. Amen.

10. Fourth Sunday after Easter.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant unto Thy people, that they may love the things which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

11. Fifth Sunday after Trinity.

GRANT, O LORD, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance, that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

12. Tenth Sunday after Trinity.

LET Thy merciful ears, O LORD, be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please Thee; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

13. Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.

KEEP, we beseech Thee, O LORD, Thy Church with Thy perpetual mercy: and, because the frailty of man without Thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by Thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

14. Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succour, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

15. Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.

LORD, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee the only GOD; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

16. Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, merciful LORD, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

17. Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.

LORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through Thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve Thee in good works to the glory of Thy name; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

18. Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity.

STIR up, we beseech Thee, O LORD, the wills of Thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruits of good works, may of Thee be plenteously rewarded; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

19. S. Matthias' Day.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who [into the place of the traitor Judas] didst choose Thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the twelve Apostles; grant that Thy Church, being always preserved from false apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

20. S. Peter's Day.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who by Thy SON JESUS CHRIST didst give to Thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed Thy flock; make, we beseech Thee, all bishops and pastors diligently to preach Thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

21. S. Bartholomew the Apostle.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD, Who didst give to Thine Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach Thy Word; grant, we beseech Thee, unto Thy Church, to love that Word which he believed, and both to preach and receive the same; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

22. A Commination.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto Thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

23. Public Baptism of Infants.

WE yield Thee hearty thanks, most merciful FATHER, that it hath pleased Thee to regenerate . . . with Thy HOLY SPIRIT, to receive *him* for Thine own *child* by adoption, and to incorporate *him* into Thy holy Church, and humbly we beseech Thee to grant that *he*, being dead unto sin, and living unto righteousness, and being buried with CHRIST in His death, may crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and that, as *he* is made *partaker* of the death of Thy SON, *he* may also be *partaker* of His resurrection; so that finally, with the residue of Thy holy Church, *he* may be made *an inheritor* of Thine everlasting kingdom; through CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

24. Order of Confirmation.

ALMIGHTY and everliving GOD, Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate . . . by water and the HOLY GHOST, and hast given unto them forgiveness of all their sins; strengthen them, we beseech Thee, O LORD, with

the HOLY GHOST the Comforter, and daily increase in them Thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength; the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill them, O LORD, with the spirit of Thy holy fear, now and ever. Amen.

25. Visitation of the Sick.

HEAR us, Almighty and most merciful GOD and SAVIOUR; extend Thy accustomed goodness to . . . who is grieved with sickness. Sanctify, we beseech Thee, this Thy fatherly correction to *him;* that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith, and seriousness to *his* repentance: That, if it shall be Thy good pleasure to restore *him* to *his* former health, *he* may lead the residue of *his* life in Thy fear, and to Thy glory; or else, give *him* grace so to take Thy visitation, that, after this painful life ended, *he* may dwell with Thee in life everlasting; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

26. Communion of the Sick.

ALMIGHTY, everliving GOD, Maker of mankind, Who dost correct those whom Thou dost love, and chastise every one whom Thou dost receive; we beseech Thee to have mercy upon . . . visited with Thine hand, and to grant that *he* may take *his* sickness patiently, and recover *his* bodily health (if it be Thy gracious will); and whensoever *his* soul shall depart from the body, it may be without spot presented unto Thee; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

27. Prayers to be used at Sea.

O ETERNAL LORD GOD, Who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; Who hast compassed the waters with bounds until day

and night come to an end; be pleased to receive into Thy almighty and most gracious protection the persons of Thy servants, and the fleets in which they serve. Preserve them from the dangers of the sea, and from the violence of the enemy; that they may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land, with the fruits of their labours, and with a thankful remembrance of Thy mercies, to praise and glorify Thy holy Name; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

28. Ordering of Deacons.

ALMIGHTY GOD, giver of all good things, Who of Thy great goodness hast vouchsafed to accept and take Thy servants unto the office of deacons in Thy Church; Make them, we beseech Thee, O LORD, to be modest, humble, and constant in their ministration, to have a ready will to observe all spiritual discipline; that they having always the testimony of a good conscience, and continuing ever stable and strong in Thy SON CHRIST, may so well behave themselves in this inferior office, that they may be found worthy to be called unto the higher ministries in Thy Church; through the same Thy SON our SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, to Whom be glory and honour, world without end. Amen.

29. Ordering of Priests.

MOST merciful FATHER, we beseech Thee to send upon Thy servants Thy heavenly blessing; that they may be clothed with righteousness, and that Thy Word spoken by their mouths may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also, that we may have grace to hear and receive what they shall deliver out of Thy most holy Word, or agreeable to the same, as the means of our salvation; that in all our words and deeds we may seek Thy glory and the increase of Thy kingdom; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

30. Consecration of Bishops.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, to Thy servants such grace, that they may evermore be ready to spread abroad Thy gospel, the glad tidings of reconciliation with Thee; and use the authority given them, not to destruction, but to salvation, not to hurt, but to help; so that as wise and faithful servants, giving to Thy family their portion in due season, they may at last be received into everlasting joy; through.

31.

MOST merciful FATHER, we beseech Thee to send down upon Thy servants Thy heavenly blessing; and so endue them with Thy HOLY SPIRIT, that they preaching Thy Word, may not only be earnest to reprove, beseech, and rebuke with all patience and doctrine; but also may be to such as believe wholesome examples, in word, in conversation, in love, in faith, in chastity, and in purity; that, faithfully fulfilling their course, at the latter day they may receive the crown of righteousness laid up by the LORD the righteous Judge, Who liveth and reigneth one GOD with the FATHER and the HOLY GHOST, world without end. Amen.

32. Burial Service.

ALMIGHTY GOD, with Whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the LORD, and with Whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; We give Thee hearty thanks, for that it hath pleased Thee to deliver this our *brother* out of the miseries of this sinful world; beseeching Thee, that it may please Thee of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom; that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of Thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory; through.

33. In the Ember Weeks.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly FATHER, Who hast purchased to Thyself an universal Church by the precious Blood of Thy dear SON; mercifully look upon the same, and at this time so guide and govern the minds of Thy servants the bishops and pastors of Thy flock, that they may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons to serve Thee in the sacred ministry of Thy Church. And to those which shall be ordained to any holy function give Thy grace and heavenly benediction; that both by their life and doctrine they may set forth Thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

AN HOROLOGY,
AND OTHER DEVOTIONS.

AN HOROLOGY.

PRAYERS FOR EVERY HOUR,

WITH SUGGESTIONS FOR THEIR USE AS INTERCESSIONS.

Dominus illuminatio mea.—Ps. xxvii. 1.

Six a.m. For persons starting to their work.

O THOU, Who sendest forth light and createst the dawn, making Thy sun to shine upon the evil and on the good: enlighten the blindness of our hearts by the knowledge of Thy truth, and lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, that in Thy light we may see light and behold at length in the light of grace that Light of glory everlasting;

And save us, Good LORD.

Mane vigilantes invenient.—PROV. viii. 17.

Seven a.m. For frequent Communicants.

O THOU, Who didst put into the hearts of Elkanah and his wives to rise up early in the morning, and worship before Thee, be present with those who meet in the courts of Thy house, to offer up to Thee the daily morning sacrifice of prayer and praise, hear Thou from heaven Thy dwelling place, and when Thou hearest, hearken and do;

And save us, Good LORD.

Vinea facta est dilecto meo.—Is. v. 1.

Eight a.m. For the increase of Missionaries.

O THOU, Who art the LORD of the harvest, and dost go out early to hire labourers into Thy vineyard; Send forth diligent labourers into Thy harvest, and give us all grace to seek always Thy glory, and to serve Thee duly in that station to which Thou hast called us;

And save us, Good LORD.

Veni Creator Spiritus.

Nine a.m. For Children.

(Especially God-children and Schools.)

O THOU, Who at the third hour of the day didst send down the HOLY GHOST upon Thine apostles; Take not Thy HOLY SPIRIT from us, but daily renew His presence within us;

And save us, Good LORD.

Ite et vos in vineam.—S. MATT. xx. 4.

Ten a.m. For the Clergy.

O THOU, Who wentest out about the third hour and sawest labourers standing idle in the market-place; Grant that we may not be slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving Thee our LORD, and true followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises;

And save us, Good LORD.

Exaltatus omnia trahit ad Seipsum.—S. JOHN xii. 32.

Eleven a.m. For the Rich and Learned.

O THOU, Who about the third hour wast content to suffer the death of the cross for us miserable sinners; Grant us to glory in nothing save in the cross

of Thee, our LORD and SAVIOUR, by Whom we are crucified to the world, and the world unto us ;

And save us, Good LORD.

Ecce Agnus Dei.—S. JOHN i. 29.

Twelve noon. For those Condemned to Death.

O THOU, Who at the sixth hour didst nail the sins of the whole world to the same cross with Thyself ; Blot out the handwriting of offences that is against us, and take it away ;

And save us, Good LORD.

Ipse infirmitates nostras accepit.—S. MATT. viii. 17.

One p.m. For the Sick.

O THOU, Who at the seventh hour didst ordain that the ruler's son should be released of his fever ; If any fever or sickness cleave to our souls, take it away from us also ;

And save us, Good LORD.

Dispersiones Israelis congregabit.—PS. cxlvi. 2.

Two p.m. For Missions.

O THOU, Who to S. Peter at his mid-day prayer didst send the vision of a great sheet let down to the earth as a symbol of Thy Church ; Gather therein all nations of the world, and so receive it back with them into heaven ;

And save us, Good LORD.

Vita abscondita cum Christo in Deo.—COL. iii. 3

Three p.m. For the Dying.

O THOU, Who at the ninth hour didst taste death for us sinners and for our transgressions' sake; Mortify in us our members which are upon the earth and whatsoever is contrary to Thy holy will;

And save us, Good LORD.

Inventa margarita vendidit omnia et emit.—S. MATT xiii. 46.

Four p.m. For Special Friends.

O THOU, Who at the tenth hour didst choose that Thine apostle, having found Thy SON, should exclaim with great joy, We have found the Messias; Grant that we may also in like manner find the same Messias, and, having found Him, may in like manner rejoice;

And save us, Good LORD.

Præterit figura huius mundi.—1 COR. vii. 31.

Five p.m. For the Unconverted.

O THOU, Who even at the eleventh hour of the day didst deign, with promise of reward, to send into Thy vineyard those who were standing all the day idle: Vouchsafe unto us the like grace, and though late, even as it were at the eleventh hour, receive us favourably when we turn to Thee;

And save us, Good LORD.

Mortui cum Christo vivemus.—ROM. vi. 8.

Six p.m. For the Fallen.

O THOU, Who when the even was come didst suffer Thyself to be taken down from the cross, and laid in the sepulchre; Take away from us our sins and bury them with Thee in Thy grave, covering with good works the evil which we have committed;

And save us, Good LORD.

Mane mane, advesperascit.—S. LUKE xxiv. 29.

Seven p.m. For the Aged.

O THOU, Who towards evening didst go and tarry with Thy disciples: Abide with us, we beseech Thee, for it is toward evening, and the day of our life is far spent;

And save us, Good LORD.

Hoc facite.—1 COR. xi. 25.

Eight p.m. For Communicants.

O THOU, Who at the hour of supper wast pleased to institute the Holy Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood; Make us ever mindful of Thy gifts, and partakers of the same Thy legacies of the New Testament, and that not unto condemnation, but for the remission of our sin;

And save us, Good LORD.

Pax vobis.—S. JOHN xx. 19.

Nine p.m. For the Penitent.

O THOU, Who at night didst breathe upon Thy apostles and confer on them authority to retain or remit sin; Grant that we may come under this prerogative, not for the retention but for the remission of our sins;

And save us, Good LORD.

Quæ est enim vita vestra?—S. JAMES iv. 14.

Ten p.m. For those that defer Repentance.

O THOU, Who hast set the evening at the close of the day to remind us of the evening of life; Make us to be mindful that our days pass as a shadow, remembering the days of darkness that are many and the coming of the night wherein no man can work; Grant us by our labours to forestall the night, that we be not cast into outer darkness;

And save us, Good LORD.

Ecce Sponsus venit!—S. MATT. xxv. 6.

Eleven p.m. For the Tempted.

O THOU, Who with Thine own mouth hast assured us that the Bridegroom shall come in the middle of the night; Grant that the cry of Thy coming may ever resound in our ears, that we may be ready to go forth to meet Thee;

And save us, Good LORD.

Dum medium silentium tenerent omnia.—
WISD. xviii. 14.

Twelve midnight. For the Rising Generation.

O THOU, Who for us men, and our salvation wast born at dead of night; Grant that we, being regenerated, may be daily renewed by the HOLY GHOST, till CHRIST be formed in us, and we come unto a perfect man;

And save us, Good LORD.

Evangelium gaudii magni.—S. MATT. ii. 10.

One a.m. For the Sleepless.

O THOU, Who at midnight didst rouse Thy prophet David, and Thine apostle Paul, to praise Thee;

Give us songs in the night, that we may remember Thee in our beds;

And save us, Good LORD.

Miserationes novi diluculo.—LAM. iii. 23.

Two a.m. For those who are Growing Slack.

O THOU, Who very early in the morning, ere the rising of the sun, wast risen from the dead; Raise us up day by day unto newness of life;

And save us, Good LORD.

Ad te de luce vigilo.—PS. lxiii. 1.

Three a.m. For Communities.

O THOU, Who in the morning rising up a great while before day, didst go out into a solitary place and there pray; Make good Thy promise, that those that seek Thee early shall find Thee;

And save us, Good LORD.

Cantat gallus flentes flete.

Four a.m. For the Dissolute.

O THOU, Who by the crowing of a cock didst warn Thy apostle and cause him to turn and repent; Grant that, at the same warning, we too may go forth and weep bitterly for the sins we have committed against Thee;

And save us, Good LORD.

Five a.m. For Family Life.

O THOU, to Whom the morning stars sing together, and all the sons of GOD shout for joy; Make us to praise Thee with joyful lips, when we remember Thee upon our beds, and to think upon Thee when we are waking;

And save us, Good LORD.

A MIDDAY INTERCESSION.

For Missionary Work.

I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me.

BLESSED SAVIOUR, Who at this hour didst hang upon the cross, stretching forth Thy loving arms; grant that all mankind may look unto Thee and be saved; through Thy mercies and merits, Who.

At midday, O King, I saw a light above the brightness of the sun.

ALMIGHTY SAVIOUR, Who at midday didst call Thy servant S. Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles; we beseech Thee illumine the world with the radiance of Thy glory, that all nations may come and worship Thee: Who art with the FATHER and the HOLY GHOST.

Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour.

FATHER of mercies, Who to Thy apostle S. Peter didst reveal in threefold vision Thy boundless compassion; forgive, we pray Thee, our unbelief, and so enlarge our hearts and enkindle our zeal, that we may fervently desire the salvation of all men, and with more ready diligence labour in the extension of Thy kingdom; for His sake Who gave Himself for the life of the world, Thy SON JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

A THREEFOLD INTERCESSION.

To be said at the hours of 9 a.m., 12 noon, and 3 p.m. respectively.

1.—For the peace and unity of the Church.

Ant. Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself.

℣. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
℟. They shall prosper that love thee.

VOUCHSAFE, we beseech Thee, Almighty GOD, to grant unto the whole christian people unity, peace, and true concord, both visible and invisible; through.

2.—For the conversion of Sinners and awakening of the listless.

Ant. Turn us, O GOD our SAVIOUR, and let Thine anger cease from us.

℣. O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end;
℟. But guide Thou the just.

ALMIGHTY GOD, we beseech Thee to hear our prayers for such as sin against Thee, or neglect to serve Thee [*especially those in . . . and others for whom our prayers are desired*], that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to bestow upon them true repentance, and an earnest longing for Thy service; through.

3.—For the advancement and perseverance of the faithful.

Ant. Thy GOD had sent forth strength for thee, stablish the thing, O GOD, that Thou hast wrought in us.

℣. They will go from strength to strength;
℟. And unto the GOD of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

VOUCHSAFE, we beseech Thee, O LORD, to strengthen and confirm all Thy faithful [*especially those in . . . and all others for whom we are desired to pray*], and to lift them up more and more continually to heavenly desires; through.

A PLEADING FOR SINNERS.

I.—For sins against the Commandments; to the God and Father of all.

1. GODLINESS.—*S. Matt.* vi. 33.

Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.
Seek ye first the kingdom of GOD
and His righteousness.

Col. i. 12–20.

O FATHER, Who didst make us meet
to be partakers of the inheritance
of the saints in light:
deliver the ungodly from the power of darkness,
and translate them into the kingdom
of Thy dear SON;
reconcile all rebels to Thyself
by Him Who has made peace
through the Blood of His cross,
in Whom all fulness dwells,
Thy SON, JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

2. WORSHIP.—*S. Matt.* iv. 10.

Thou shalt worship the LORD thy GOD,
and Him only shalt thou serve.

1 *S. John* i. 5–7.

O GOD, Who art light, and in Whom
is no darkness at all;
grant that Thy people may love to serve Thee,
and walk in the light of Thy revealed presence,
being cleansed from sin and from all
unrighteousness
by the Blood of JESUS CHRIST Thy SON.

3. SOUND SPEECH.—*S. Matt.* v. 33.

Thou shalt not take the name
of the LORD thy GOD in vain.
Let your communication be
"Yea, yea; Nay, nay."

S. John ii. 1, 2, 12; iv. 9, 10.

O FATHER, hear our advocate,
JESUS CHRIST the righteous,
that He Whom in very love Thou hast sent
may be the propitiation for our sins,
and for the sins of the whole world.
May all who have offended
against Thy holy name
be forgiven their offences for His name's sake,
and live through Him.

4. WORK AND REST.—*S. Mark* ii. 27.

Six days shalt thou labour;
but the seventh day thou shalt keep holy.
The Sabbath was made for man,
and the Son of Man is LORD thereof.

2 *Cor.* v. 19–21.

O GOD, Who hast made Thy SON our LORD,
though He knew no sin, to be sin for us:
Grant that in Him the unrighteous
may be made righteous,
and the world by Thy laws of work and rest
and worship
be speedily reconciled unto Thyself.

5. OBEDIENCE.—*S. Matt.* xv. 4.

Honour thy father and mother.

Rom. iii. 25.

O GOD, Who hast set forth Thy SON
to be a propitiation
through faith in His Blood;
Grant to the disobedient
the remission of sins that are past,
through Thine own forbearance,
and the redemption that is in CHRIST JESUS.

6. LOVE.—*S. Matt.* v. 21; v. 39.

Thou shalt not kill: nor be angry.
Resist not evil.

Rom. v. 8.

O GOD, Who commendest Thy love toward us;
in that while we were yet sinners
CHRIST died for us;
Grant that, though men have sinned
through hatred and wrath,
being justified by His Blood
they may be saved from Thy wrath;
and being reconciled by His death
may be saved by His life.

7. SELF-CONTROL.—*S. Matt.* v. 27.

Thou shalt not commit adultery: nor lust.

Rom. viii. 3.

O GOD, Who sending Thine own dear SON
in the likeness of sinful flesh,
and on behalf of sin,
hast condemned sin in the flesh;
Grant that by the law of the Spirit of life
in CHRIST JESUS,
sinners may be made free
from the law of sin and death.

8. HONESTY.—*S. Mark* x. 19.

Thou shalt not steal.
Defraud not.

Gal. i. 4.

O GOD, our FATHER, according to Whose will
the LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST
once gave Himself for our sins;
Grant that He may deliver all men
from the snares of dishonesty
in this present evil world.

9. GENEROSITY.—*S. Matt.* vii. 1.

Thou shalt not bear false witness.
Judge not.

Eph. i. 7.

O GOD, according to the riches of Thy grace
grant that those who are given to
evil speaking
may have redemption from this slavery of the enemy,
through the precious Blood of
JESUS CHRIST,
even the forgiveness of all their sins.

10. CONTENTMENT.—*S. Luke* xii. 15.

Thou shalt not covet.
Beware of covetousness.

Eph. ii. 4.

O GOD, Who art rich in mercy for Thy
great love wherewith Thou lovest us,
quicken all those that are dead in sins,
and raise them above the sordid level of this world,
to sit with Thee in heavenly places,
and enjoy the exceeding riches of Thy grace
revealed in Thy kindness towards us
through CHRIST JESUS.

LOVE.—*S. Matt.* xix. 19.

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Col. ii. 12.

O GOD, Who hast raised up JESUS
from the dead,
quicken together with Him
all who are dead in selfishness and sin
and the uncircumcision of their flesh :
forgive them all their trespasses,
and cancel the bond that is against them,
nailing it to His cross,
O loving and merciful FATHER. Amen.

II.—For sinners through the Capital Sins; to our Blessed Saviour Jesus.

ENVY AND ILLWILL.—*Heb.* i. 3 ; ii. 16–18.

O CHRIST, our merciful and
faithful High Priest,
Who once for all hast purged our sins,
and art seated on the right hand
of the majesty on high ;
Make reconciliation there
for the sins of the people
who transgress through envy,
hatred, and malice,
and as Thou Thyself hast suffered,
in all points being tempted,
so do Thou succour evermore
them that are tempted,
and deliver them from subjection
to the bondage of sin.

ANGER.—*Heb.* iv. 14–16.

O JESUS, SON of GOD, our great High Priest,
that art passed into the heavens;
Grant that the ill-tempered and angry souls
for whom I plead before the throne of grace
may obtain mercy
both now and at Thy judgment-seat,
and find grace to help in time of need.

LUST.—*Heb.* vii. 24–26.

O JESUS, High Priest of an
unchangeable priesthood,
holy, harmless,
undefiled, separate from sinners,
and made higher than the heavens;
Save to the uttermost from the lusts of the flesh
all those that come to GOD by Thee,
through the grace of Thine eternal intercession.

AVARICE AND WORLDLINESS.—*Heb.* ix. 11.

O CHRIST, our High Priest
of good things to come,
Who through the eternal SPIRIT
didst offer Thyself without spot
to GOD the FATHER,
and obtain for us eternal redemption;
Grant that the Blood which Thou hast shed
may purge men's consciences
from the dead works of the world
to serve the living GOD.

SLOTH.—*Heb.* ix. 24-28.

O CHRIST, Who once in the end of the world
didst appear as Victim to put away sin
by the sacrifice of Thyself,
and wast offered once to bear the sins of many ;
O CHRIST, Who as Priest art entered into heaven
now to appear in the presence of GOD for us ;
Grant that Thy servants may be zealous in Thy service,
looking for Thee and Thy Second Coming ;
and appear Thou to them in that great Day,
without sin unto salvation,
O JESUS our SAVIOUR and GOD.

GLUTTONY AND DRUNKENNESS.—1 *S. Pet.* ii. 21.

O CHRIST, Who hast suffered for us,
and sinless Thyself hast borne our sins
in Thine own body on the tree ;
Grant that all sinners may die to sins of the flesh,
and being healed by Thy stripes
may live unto righteousness ;
That all Thy sheep who were going astray
through excess or want of self-control
may now return again unto Thee,
the Shepherd and Bishop of their souls.

PRIDE AND CONCEIT.—1 *S. Pet.* iii. 18.

O CHRIST, Who once for all
hast suffered for sins,
the just for the unjust,
to bring us to GOD ;
Recover evermore from pride and disobedience
those who presume upon the long-suffering of GOD,
by the prevailing virtue of Thy death
and the quickening power
of Thine endless Life ;
O JESUS, our SAVIOUR and merciful LORD.

III.—Against our threefold deadly foe; to God the Holy Spirit.

THE WORLD.—*Heb.* x. 10–17.

O HOLY GHOST, Who art witness to us
of the offering of
the body of JESUS CHRIST once for all,
whereby He hath perfected for ever
them that are sanctified;
Deliver Thy people
from the service of the world,
put Thy laws into our hearts,
and write them in our minds,
that our sins and iniquities
may be remembered no more.

THE FLESH.—*Heb.* x. 26–30.

O HOLY SPIRIT, have mercy on those
who sin wilfully after receiving
the knowledge of the truth,
who have trodden under foot the SON of GOD,
and profaned the sanctifying Blood
of the Covenant,
and done despite unto Thee the SPIRIT of Grace:
That by the fearful expectation of judgment
they may be led to penitence
and amendment of life,
and escape the fiery indignation and vengeance
which shall devour the adversaries
with punishment sorer than death
in the day when the LORD shall judge
His people.

THE DEVIL.—*Heb.* vi. 4.

BLEST SPIRIT renew evermore unto repentance
all those who have been enlightened,
have been made partakers of Thee,
and have tasted of the heavenly gift;
lest they should fall away
through the craft of the Devil,
where there is no place left for repentance;
and crucifying the SON of GOD afresh,
and putting Him to an open shame,
should be as thorns and briars
that are rejected and nigh unto cursing,
whose end is to be burned.
Spare them and us,
O patient and gentle SPIRIT.

A Prayer of Humiliation for the Church or Nation.

Dan. ix.

O LORD, the great and dreadful GOD,
which keepest covenant and mercy
with them that love Thee
and keep Thy commandments:
We have sinned and have dealt perversely,
and have done wickedly and have rebelled,
even turning aside from Thy precepts
and from Thy judgments.
O LORD, righteousness belongeth unto Thee,
but unto us confusion of face as at this day,
because we have sinned against Thee.
To the LORD our GOD
belong mercies and forgivenesses,
for we have rebelled against Him:

neither have we obeyed
the voice of the LORD our GOD,
to walk in His laws which He set before us.
O LORD, according to all Thy righteousness,
let Thine anger and Thy fury, I pray Thee,
be turned away;
because for our sins
and for the iniquities of our fathers
Thy people are become a reproach
to all that are round about us.
Now therefore, O our GOD,
hearken unto the prayer
of Thy servant, and to his supplications,
and cause Thy face to shine
upon Thy sanctuary that is desolate.
O my GOD, incline Thine ear and hear:
open Thine eyes, and behold our desolations,
and the city, which is called by Thy name.
For we do not present our supplications
before Thee for our righteousnesses,
but for Thy great mercies.
O LORD, hear: O LORD, forgive:
O LORD, hearken and do: defer not:
For Thine own sake, O my GOD;
Because Thy city and Thy people are called
by Thy name.

THE PRAYER OF THE PASSION.

"By His stripes are we healed."

I. PICTURE.*—**Jesus and the Apostle at the Last Supper.** (*S. Matt.* xxvi. 26–31.)

Pray for the Faithful.

1.—Priests. Love of GOD. Love of souls. Faith. Zeal. (*S. John* xvii. 15–20.)

2.—Communicants. Deeper love for JESUS in Blessed Sacrament. (*S. John* vi. 56.)

3.—Courage to confess CHRIST in daily life. (*S. Luke* xxii. 32.)

4.—Zeal to win souls to GOD. (*S. John* xix. 28.)

5.—Desire for GOD'S glory. Love for one another. (*S. John* xv. 12.)

II. PICTURE.—**Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.** (*S. Matt.* xxvi. 36–50.)

Pray for the Tempted.

1.—Strength for those who are sorely tempted. (*S. Luke* xxii. 42.)

2.—Courage for those in despair. (*S. John* xiv. 18.)

3.—A true conversion for the half-hearted. Slothful. (*S. Luke* xxii. 46.)

4.—Guidance for those in doubt. (*S. John* xiv. 1–16.)

5.—Re-union among Christians. (*S. John* xvii. 20, 21.)

* Take great pains to form the picture carefully in your minds, with all its surroundings. Learn the texts. Say after each petition, "LORD, have mercy."

III. PICTURE.—**Jesus in the Judgment Hall.** (*S. Matt.* xxvii. 11–32.)

Pray for the Weak.

1.—All who work amidst bad surroundings. (*Is.* liii. 3.)

2.—Sick and suffering. Poor and Aged. The lonely. (*Is.* liii. 5.)

3.—Those led astray by bad example. (*Is.* liii. 6.)

4.—The oppressed and ill-treated. Children. (*Is.* liii. 7.)

5.—All in authority. Our Soldiers. Sailors. (*S. Matt.* xxvii. 27.)

IV. PICTURE.—**Jesus on the Cross.** (*S. Luke* xxiii. 32–47.)

Pray for all Sinners.

1.—Penitent. To find pardon and peace. (*S. Luke* xxiii. 43.)

2.—Impenitent. Blasphemers. Unbelievers. (*S. Luke* xxiii. 39.)

3.—Hypocrites. Proud. Scoffers. (*S. Matt.* xxvii. 41.)

4.—Drunkards. Lustful. Gamblers. (*S. Matt.* xxvii. 35.)

5.—Ignorant. Thoughtless. Frivolous. (*S. Luke* xxiii. 34.)

V. PICTURE.—**Jesus in the Tomb.** (*S. John* xix. 38 to end.)

Pray for the Dying.

1.—Souls dead in sin. (*Eph.* v. 14; *S. John* v. 25.)

2.—Persons suffering from incurable diseases. (2 *Cor.* iv. 16, 17.)

3.—Those on their deathbed. Hospitals. Doctors. Nurses. (*S. Matt.* xxv. 36.)

4.—Mourners. Broken-hearted. Orphans. (*Rev.* xxi. 4.)

5.—Souls of the faithful departed. Eternal rest. (*Rev.* vi. 11.)

Meditate on the Resurrection, Ascension, and Whitsun Day.

Thank GOD for:—

1.—Creation. Baptism. Confirmation. (*Rev.* iv. 11.)

2.—Redemption. Pardon. Peace. (*Rev.* v. 9.)

3.—Communion of Body and Blood of JESUS. (*S. John* vi. 54.)

4.—Gifts in Nature. Food. Health. Clothing. (1 *Chron.* xxix. 11.)

5.—Home. Friends. Hope of Eternal Life. (*Rev.* xxi. 7.)

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I. Mission Stations.

HEAR us, O GOD of our salvation, Thou Hope of all the ends of the earth, and in Thy strength set fast as the mountains these outposts of Thy power and strongholds of lofty virtues. On Thee we rely for gifts of aspiration whereby to ascend to the summit of all blessedness; that Thy Church, as it extends to all corners of the world, may soar in faith, may rest in hope, and rise to the full height of charity; through.

II. For Priests.

O JESU our GOD, Who with a scourge of small cords dravest forth from Thy temple those that sold and bought therein; guard Thy Priests from being ensnared by the pursuit of worldly comfort within the Church, and from spending there immoral or unworthy lives; but let the zeal of Thy house so entirely consume them, that they may set an example to their brethren which shall be well-pleasing unto Thee; Who with.

III. For the Heathen.

O CHRIST, Who hast passed over the unbelieving Jews to gather out of every race a countless flock into Thy Church; fulfil the word of Thy inspired prophecy, that all the ends of the world shall remember themselves and turn to Thee, their GOD. Grant that, as Thou alone art the SAVIOUR of all the world, so all peoples and nations may worship Thee alone. Raise up to Thyself believing sons from Jew and Gentile alike, that those who seek Thee may go forward into the kingdom of faith, and those who have found Thee may not forfeit through sin their inheritance.

IV. For Converts.

LEAD forth, O LORD, beside the waters of comfort, the children Thou hast begotten through the water of baptism; there fill them with Thy teaching, and draw away their heart to the place of Thy promised reward among the blessed.

V. For the Newly Baptized.

O GOD, Who hast renewed in the font Thy servants who believe in Thee; grant to them now being born again in CHRIST such a full measure of protection, that, fortified by Thy Sacrament against the assaults of error, they may never forfeit the grace of Thy blessing; through.

VI. Native Congregations.

GRANT, O LORD, abundance of peace to those that stand in the gates of Thy house; that, while they worship Thee with eagerness of heart, they may be enriched with Thy heavenly mercies; through.

VII. The Harvest of Souls.

O GOD, Who dost build up the heavenly Jerusalem, Who tellest the number of the stars, and callest them all by their names; heal, we beseech Thee, those that are broken in heart, gather together the outcasts of Thy people, and enrich us all with Thine inestimable wisdom; through.

A FINAL PERSONAL OBLIGATION.

For those whom I have injured.

O LORD GOD Almighty and All-merciful,
cleanse those whom I have defiled,
heal those whom I have wounded,
strengthen those whom I have enfeebled,
set right those whom I have misled,
recall to Thyself those whom I have alienated from Thee.
I pray Thee save these sinners,
save all sinners,
and amongst all sinners save me the sinner,
for JESUS' sake, the Friend of sinners. Amen.

For those who have done me good.

Rev. xi. 18. ✶

O LORD JESUS, Who knowest them that are Thine when Thou rewardest Thy servants the prophets, remember, I beseech Thee, for good, those who have taught me, rebuked me, counselled me, guided me: and in that day show them mercy.

When Thou rewardest the Saints, remember, I beseech Thee, for good, those who have surrounded me with holy influences, borne with me, forgiven me, sacrificed themselves for me, loved me: and in that day show them mercy.

When Thou rewardest the great that fear Thy name, remember, I beseech Thee, for good, those who have been my patterns of any virtue or grace, of repentance, acknowledgement of offences, begging of pardon, obedience, patience, perseverance: and in that day show them mercy.

When Thou rewardest the small that fear Thy name, remember, I beseech Thee, for good, ignorant disciples, halting followers, weak cross-bearers, the kneelers on feeble knees, the faint believers who faint not utterly: and in that day show them mercy.

Nor forget any, nor forget me: but in that day show us mercy. Amen.

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